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FOOTBALL CLUB KICKED OFF 'HOME' GROUND!

Skem face fight for survival after stadium owners send in the bailiffs

Report by **Henry James**

THE town's football club, Skelmersdale United, could face going out of business after they were thrown out of their 'home' ground by the stadium's owners, Chequer Properties.

Bailiffs were brought in to change the locks at the stadium last Friday at 6am and a security guard was put in place at the ground to prevent club officials entering the premises.

Club officials have spoken of their shock after Chequer Properties took the action over alleged 'breach of contract' regarding the club's lease.

The ground's owners say this involves failing to keep the stadium and buildings in a good state of repair and safety issues. And they claim club officials were told about the potential for such action in June and failed to act. However, Skelmersdale United bosses say they have been addressing issues and that they have not been told a clear reason as to how they have breached their lease.

It is believed that several functions, including a wedding reception, were due to be held at the ground's social club in the last few days and could not be held at the venue.

The club even had to negotiate with security guards to remove enough kit and equipment to allow their game against Tadcaster last Saturday to go ahead.

The Stormy Corner stadium

United's lease on the ground was due to run out next month and the team are scheduled to play their home games at Prescot Cables from November. They have agreed to play at Marine FC's ground in Crosby on Saturday.

Club chairman, Paul Griffiths, said: "This could potentially put us out of business. We have a ground share arrangement but that is not until November." But he added: "Contrary to some rumours circling this weekend, Skelmersdale United's focus is on moving onwards and upwards and not 'folding' or 'giving up the fight.' An outsider will not defeat us."

On Friday a club spokesman said: "Skelmersdale United's Uretek Stadium was subject to seizing by order of the current landlord with bailiffs and locksmiths attending the premises without warning to prevent entry. There was no clear reason given for the process, other than an apparent 'breach of contract.' The substance of such breach is not currently clear and rumours of the lease being changed from the original date in November are unfounded."

The club has added: "We believe that the landlord's legal obligations in this repossession have not been complied with, and we are pursuing the matter through our solicitors.

"We are grateful for the assistance provided by both Prescot Cables FC and Marine FC at this difficult time, and for the many messages of support we have received."

Skelmersdale were due to host neighbours Burscough on Tuesday (October 24) for a Liverpool Senior Cup tie but the game was played at the Linnets' Victoria Park ground instead.

Mr Griffiths added: "In the last three months we have also been served with a 146 dilapidation order to the value of £253,000, which is totally wrong. It contained a list of points that needed

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Landlord's statement

A SPOKESMAN for Chequer Properties said: "The lease expires naturally on November 17. The important legal document contains standard terms and conditions and is regulated by the law of property statutes.

"In preparation for the lease end date, the landlord arranged for surveys of the property.

"A schedule of dilapidation (the repairs the landlord considers necessary to return the property to a good state of repair in accordance with the lease) was prepared, costed and was served on the tenant on June 27.

"The tenant was also formally informed of alleged breaches of specific lease covenants during their occupation.

"A brief tenant response dated August 30 2017 mentioning the Health & Safety issues, Fire Precaution issues & Japanese Knotweed invasion was noted.

"For clarity, the lease breaches include subletting, without the landlords consent, parts of the property to become a scrap yard, taxi office and charging the premises to an agency.

"Horticulture contractors advise the landlord that there is a short time window in which to effectively deal with the species invasion.

"The landlord has taken the necessary steps to re-enter the premises."

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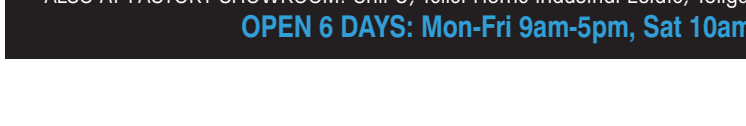

Uproar as Tories stage mass walk-out at Full Council meeting

Report by **Henry James**

THE Conservative group on West Lancashire Council staged a mass walk-out of the Full Council meeting on Wednesday, October 18 when there were six motions still to discuss.

Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran described the actions as "truly shocking" while the Labour group said the walk-out had left thousands of residents unrepresented and claimed Tory councillors were laughing and waving as they exited.

However, the Conservatives said they had only left the meeting after the conclusion of the council's business.

And they claimed that the protest was "against the ruling Labour Group's abuse of the democratic process and the waste of resources in tabling multiple yet pointless motions purely for narrow party political ends."

At the time of the walk-out, six motions remained to be debated.

These were: WASPI (Women Against State Pension Inequality); support for businesses in Ormskirk and the night markets; public sector pay caps; student HMO accommodation council tax; Orgreave public enquiry; and the appointment of a Government Minister for Older People.

Cllr. Ian Moran said: "This is truly shocking and awful behaviour from the 21 elected and paid Conservative councillors who refused to take part in council proceedings and represent thousands of their residents.

Conservative group leader, Cllr. David Westley, has defended the protest

"Not only is this damaging to their own party but it does little to inspire confidence in those of us working hard to serve and better our communities.

'Appalled'

"To refer to motions around women and state pension inequality, supporting small businesses across West Lancashire and the Night Markets in Ormskirk and council tax and student accommodation as pointless defeats the purpose of local democracy."

In a letter to the Champion, Ashurst ward Labour councillor Gail Hodson wrote: "I was absolutely appalled when, at last night's (October 18) West Lancashire Full Council meeting, all of the Conservative councillors staged an orchestrated walk-out of the council chamber with total disregard to the procedures of the meeting.

"This was a damming indictment of the mindset of the Conservative group who clearly have no respect for their constituents or for the WASPI women campaigners who had taken time to come to West Lancs to hear their motion being debated. "

However, Conservative group leader, Councillor David Westley, defended the protest.

He said: "Labour had put six motions on the council's agenda, five of which had nothing to do with the council's business but were simply there to give them the opportunity to attack government policy.

"The motions were absolutely pointless as, after two or three hours of listening to vitriolic socialist claptrap, the outcome sought was to force the chief executive to write multiple letters to the government.

"The Conservative protest was against the involvement of the chief executive in party politics and the absolute waste of considerable council officer time.

"It is my firm belief that motions should be relevant to the council's business such as the one we tabled earlier this year that sought to reverse Labour's deeply unpopular £30 green bin tax and stopping collections at the end of October."

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Renewed warning to fly-tippers

COUNCIL chiefs have issued another warning to residents in the borough that they must dispose of waste legally after a woman was convicted of fly-tipping.

Collette Jacobs, of Dearden Way, Up Holland, was ordered to pay £593.48 by Wigan Magistrates Court for dumping 14 bags of waste in the garden of an empty house in Beechtrees, Skelmersdale.

The court heard that when West Lancashire Borough Council traced the bags of rubbish back to Miss Jacobs she claimed she had been told by workmen from the council she could put the waste there.

The council told the court it made extensive enquiries and found that there were no council workers in the area at the time.

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "The council continues to work hard to tackle fly-tipping, which is a serious criminal offence with unlimited fines for individuals and business found guilty of offences.

The rubbish Collette Jacobs fly-tipped in Beechtrees

"The message from the council is simple. Don't dispose of waste illegally or you could face serious consequences."

If you think waste has been disposed of illegally then you can report this to the council 24 hours a day on the website at www.westlancs.gov.uk/flytipping; or you can call 01695 577177 between 8.30am and 5.30pm Monday to Friday.

The council would also like to remind all householders that they need to make sure any waste that they have removed is disposed of legally.

Anyone removing waste as part of a business must have a waste carriers' licence and give waste transfer notes to whomever they take waste from.

Householders can check if anyone who removes waste from them has a waste carriers' licence by contacting the Environment Agency on 03708 506506 or going on their website www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency.

Skem United booted off ground after landlord sends in the bailiffs

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addressing, such as broken flags and the fact the ground has Japanese Knotweed. We had been working on some of the points though, such as the health and safety and fire safety requirements."

Long-term supporter of Skelmersdale United, Graham West, 52, who has been following the team since he was six said: "I am disgusted what the landlord has done to both Skelmersdale United and Burscough. The owner of Chequer Properties thinks nothing of the supporters.

"It was not so long ago that Tommy Lawson led the team to promotion to the Evo-Stik Premier Division and support for the team was growing. Unfortunately since then things have gone downhill and support is dropping.

"Skelmersdale United has been going since 1882 and we have so much heritage. The club has also been to Wembley twice and has always been in the town. It would be a shame to lose that. Everyone who comes to watch Skelmersdale have always said what a wonderful club it is."

● Club officials say Chequer cancelled the security guards on Friday and added the premises were broken into in the early hours of Monday with alcohol, the safe and other items stolen.

Hopes rise for library reopening

COUNTY council chiefs have raised hopes that Up Holland library could be reopened.

As the authority's cabinet agreed proposals about the future of two other libraries in the county, it was revealed that the council has received two applications for the asset transfer of the Up Holland library which will be condsidered in the near future.

Included within the applications are plans to establish an independent community-run library.

The council has agreed the phased reopening of 18 of the 26 libraries closed by the previous administration, six of which will be run by independent community libraries.

And the council has agreed a package of help for community-run libraries, which includes £5,000 to provide public internet access and cover set-up costs, shelving, an initial supply of books and advice from a dedicated community library manager.

County Councillor Peter Buckley, cabinet member for community and cultural services, said: "We have committed to reopening libraries where they've been closed, whether they're run by the county council or independently by community organisations, and we are grateful to all the voluntary and community groups who have shown such commitment to the library service and its future development."

Dementia Friends champ Joe in running for Alzheimer's Society award

Report by **Henry James**

THE Alzheimer's Society's Dementia Friendly Awards 2017 have announced their finalists and Joe Sherville from Skelmersdale has been selected as one of three in the Dementia Friends Champion of the Year category.

This award recognises the action taken by Dementia Friends Champions to raise awareness, challenge misperceptions and inspire change through running information sessions.

Having been touched by dementia personally within his family Joe became one of the active volunteers for Alzheimer's Society in Central & West Lancashire five years ago by helping with their Dementia Cafes, Carers Information and Support Programme and fundraising events.

When Dementia Friends launched in 2013 he decided to give being a Champion a go and that was the beginning of a journey for Joe.

Since then he has delivered countless sessions to care home staff and relatives, ensuring that those who care and look after people living with dementia are as well informed about the condition as they can be, thus improving the environment and care for those living with dementia.

Joe said: "I am so happy to have been nominated. It was very unexpected and a shock, because we have lots of brilliant Dementia Champions in the UK and to be selected as a finalist is amazing.

Joe Sherville

"I have run Dementia Friends sessions for many different organisations in West Lancs, including supermarkets, minibus companies, The Prince's Trust and West Lancashire Borough Council, and this year I am delivering sessions in primary and junior schools.

"My sessions are about helping everyone to make our community more Dementia Friendly."

By 2021 it is estimated one million people will be living with dementia.

Sponsored by British Gas, The Alzheimer's Society Dementia Friendly Awards 2017 recognise, celebrate and promote the "inspirational achievements" of those making a real difference to people living with dementia.

'Brilliant'

Amanda Boult, Dementia Support Worker for Alzheimer's Society in Central & West Lancashire, said: "I am delighted that Joe has been selected for this award and this is evidence of the brilliant dementia friendly work going on in Central and West Lancashire.

"Joe has been determined to make a difference for the people living with dementia in West Lancashire and the forgotten community of people living with dementia in care homes.

"The number of nominations we received this year was truly phenomenal; our judging panel have worked hard to whittle it down to our finalists' inspirational and exceptional stories."

Winners will be announced at the awards in London on Wednesday, November 29 where Alzheimer's Society Ambassador, Angela Rippon CBE will conduct the ceremony.

Halloween is the deadline for county secondary school place applications

EDUCATION chiefs at Lancashire County Council have issued a reminder to parents that the deadline for applications for secondary school places in the county is next Tuesday, October 31.

The authority's online application system, the quickest and easiest way to apply for a place, is open until 11.59pm on October 31.

The council says it is important for parents to remember that they need to submit an application form for all children starting school, even if the child has an older brother or sister at the school concerned.

The closing date for applications for a child starting primary school is January 15 2018, but parents are encouraged to make sure applications are in early to give time for any queries.

For more information, go to www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools or telephone 0300 123 6707.

Parents whose children attend Lancashire primary schools or academies, but live in another local authority area, should apply via the local authority where they live.

Veterans call for town to back Poppy Appeal

THE chairman of the Skelmersdale Veterans Association, Alan Lewis, is calling on townsfolk to once again show their support for this year's Poppy Appeal organised by The Royal British Legion.

Members from the association began selling poppies at the Concourse last week and they also plan to be in the town's Asda over the following few weeks.

Alan Lewis said: "We are asking people to give their support to remembrance collections again this year. The Royal British Legion provides information, advice and guidance to help the Armed Forces community find and access the support they need. They help members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, Reservists, veterans and their families all the year round."

And Alan would also like to see more young people attending the Remembrance Parade at 11am on Sunday, November 12. This will take place at the war memorial in Sandy Lane, Old Skelmersdale.

Meanwhile the association is planning trips to Eden Camp in Yorkshire and the Birmingham Military Tattoo in November.

Alan added: "We have made many new friends and built relationships with members of the public and friendships with young people in the time that we have been going.

"We are also looking to run informative sessions at primary schools across Skelmersdale.

"Anyone who would like further information can contact me on 07939660048."

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Borough businesses to get helping hand with rising rates bills

Council agrees new measures to support firms facing steepest increases following revaluation

Report by **Henry James**

BUSINESSES in West Lancashire are set to get help with their business rates - thanks to new measures agreed by the borough council.

The three schemes are primarily targeted to help those firms facing the steepest increases in their business rates as a result of the 2017 revaluation of business premises undertaken by the Valuation Office Agency.

All three have received government funding, and businesses could be eligible for more than one of the schemes.

Around 60 pubs in West Lancashire will be eligible to receive a discount of up to £1,000 on their bill under one particular new relief scheme.

This discount is for the current financial year and applies to pubs that have a rateable value of less than £100,000.

All premises that qualify have been contacted by the borough council to confirm relevant details. Once those have been confirmed the businesses will be provided with a discount.

Councillor Ian Moran

A separate programme called the 'Supporting Small Businesses Relief Scheme' will help companies that have lost small business or rural rate relief due to the revaluation by limiting the increases in their bills to £50 per month for up to five years.

Approved

The council has contacted 13 businesses that qualify for assistance under this scheme and provided them with this discount.

A third scheme, called the Local Discretionary Business Rate Relief Scheme, was approved at the West Lancashire Borough Council meeting on Wednesday, October 18 subject to consultation with other relevant local authorities.

It is expected that this scheme could provide a saving of £168,000 on business rate bills in total and would benefit around 60 businesses in the borough.

Small and medium-sized businesses facing an increase of more than 12.5% in their business rates bill would be eligible for this scheme, subject to meeting certain criteria, and the council will write to all qualifying businesses once the scheme has been finalised.

Councillor Ian Moran, leader of West Lancs Council and portfolio holder for economic regeneration, said: "The council is very pleased to be able to provide these schemes which target financial support to businesses which are facing steep increases in their business rate bills."

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Short Breaks Service rated outstanding by Care Quality Commission

Skem-based centre praised for 'exceptional employee training, positive and professional attitude of staff and excellent care'

Report by **Henry James**

A SKELMERSDALE-based service which provides support to adults with learning and physical disabilities has been rated as outstanding by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

West Lancashire Short Breaks Service, run by Lancashire County Council, gives their families and carers the opportunity to have a break from their caring role.

The centre is based at School Lane, and can support up to six people at a time. The length of time people use the service varies from single overnight stays to more extended breaks.

A team of "caring and highly-trained" staff supports people at the centre.

The single-storey building has accessible accommodation with six spacious en-suite rooms and the specialist equipment aims to ensure that people can live as independently as possible during their stay.

County Councillor Graham Gooch, Lancashire County Council's cabinet member for adult services, said: "The outstanding rating is fantastic news for everyone involved with West Lancashire Short Breaks Service.

"Carers who support people with learning or physical disabilities put so much hard work and effort into what they do.

County Councillor Graham Gooch

However, they sometimes need a break from their caring role, which is where services like this can help.

"The team at West Lancashire supports around 70 people and the outstanding rating shows they are providing the very highest standards of care.

"It's important that we have so many services across the county rated as good and outstanding.

"Well done to the staff at West Lancashire Short Breaks service, they have worked extremely hard and I'm pleased their efforts are paying off."

The inspectors praised West Lancashire Short Breaks service for its exceptional employee training programme, the positive and professional attitude of staff, an excellent standard of care and range of activities for guests who use the service.

They also highlighted "good safeguarding procedures, excellent modern facilities" and systems that ensure people who use the service have an opportunity to share their views and make a difference.

Proud

Nicola Clear, head of the county council's adult disability service, said: "It's tremendous that the hard work of the team at West Lancashire has been recognised and that the service has been rated as outstanding.

"It's particularly pleasing to see the very positive comments from guests who use the service and their families.

"The fact that inspectors found the service to be safe, well-led and effective is also great news and very encouraging to the whole team.

"Everyone at the service shows 100% commitment and they should be proud of playing their part in this latest success. Congratulations to everyone involved."

Sexual predator who preyed on young girls jailed for 18 months

A SKELMERSDALE man has been jailed for inciting four girls to engage in sexual activity.

Andrew Hyslop, 29, of Blakehall, was sentenced at Preston Crown Court on Friday, October 20.

Hyslop was arrested in July after four girls aged between 11 and 15 reported being approached by a man in the Skelmersdale area.

On each occasion the man had made sexualised comments to the victims.

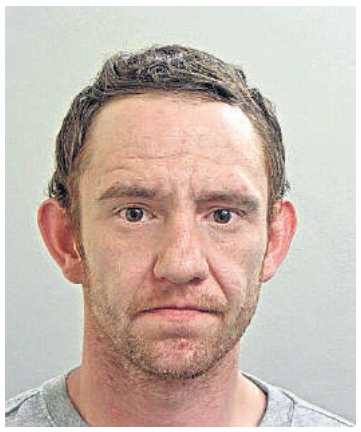
Following a press appeal for information, including a description of the offender, Hyslop was named as a suspect.

Officers arrested and charged the 29-year-old, with Hyslop pleading guilty at court.

He was sentenced to 18 months in prison and given a 10-year sexual offences prevention order.

He was also handed a 10-year restraining order which prohibits him from entering Skelmersdale and approaching any of the victims.

Detective Sergeant Steve Monk, of Lancashire Police, said: "Andrew Hyslop is clearly a predatory individual and we are satisfied with the sentence imposed.



Andrew Hyslop

"We would like to thank the victims involved who despite their age, showed a tremendous amount of courage and bravery in disclosing Hyslop's offences.

"If anyone has been the victim of a sexual offence, I would urge them to come forward and report it to us in the knowledge that we take all reports seriously and ensure that victims are treated sensitively and professionally at all times."

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Military veterans form guard of honour as Convoys hero Jack takes his final journey

ARCTIC Convoys veteran, Jack Norman Hall was given a fitting send-off when members of the Skelmersdale Veteran's Association, the Royal British Legion and Skelmersdale Ex-Sevices Association formed a guard of honour at his funeral service held at St Richard's RC Church in Liverpool Road, Skelmersdale on Monday (October 23).

Jack served with the Royal Artillery on the merchant ships which made the treacherous journeys in icy seas to deliver vital supplies to the Soviet Union in the Second World War, running the gauntlet of Nazi aircraft and U-Boats.

The holder of the Arctic Star and Arctic Emblem medals, Jack was also honoured by the Russians.

He passed away earlier this month at the age of 95 after suffering a heart attack.

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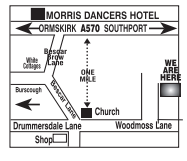

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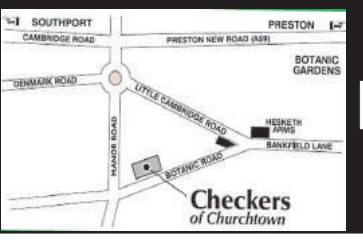

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Bank staff give a boost to special school's gaming area appeal funds

WEST Lancashire Community High School's fundraising drive to buy a Multi Use Gaming Area has been given a boost- courtesy of staff at the Co-op Bank's Fraud and Disputes department.

The department manager, Nic Ward, organised a number of different activities for the cause which managed to raise £250.

And staff members Gina Byn, Vanessa Wainwright and Denise Minshull went along to the school in School Lane, which caters for children and young adults aged 11 to 19 with generic learning difficulties, to present the money to headteacher Carole Austin and members of the PTA.

Co-op Bank staff hand over the proceeds of their fundraising activities on behalf of West Lancashire Community High School's bid to buy a Multi Use Gaming Area

Programme aims to find town's new band of social enterprise entrepreneurs

THE School of Social Entrepreneurs North West and Well Skelmersdale have teamed up to find talent on the doorstep and help social entrepreneurs reach their full potential.

Report by **Henry James**

The newly-launched Skelmersdale Social Innovators Start Up Programme is now welcoming applications from people with ideas for a new social enterprise and/or a recently launched one that is already underway.

A social enterprise is an organisation that helps people in need or the environment and makes its own money.

Paula Gamester, a well-regarded local social entrepreneur, fellow of the School for Social Entrepreneurs and part of the Well Skelmersdale vision, said: "We are so pleased to be bringing the School for Social Entrepreneurs to Skelmersdale. Social enterprise is part of a global movement, it is a business model that makes profound impacts on communities by investing in people's lives, this is what we want for Skelmersdale.

"The Social Innovators Start Up Programme not only offers critical support in the start-up stage, but also membership of the School for Social Entrepreneurs' global alumni and ongoing support for a minimum of one year following the launch of the social business."

The programme is aiming to identify 12 local people who have first-hand experiences of social issues and have an idea and the motivation to tackle them and help their local community.

Those selected as part of the programme will join the Start Up Programme, inspiring them to unleash their vision. Ongoing support will be given to each social business as it takes flight.

The 12-month programme will offer a full spread of support including sessions on finance, governance, business planning, marketing and fundraising. There will also be the chance to hear first-hand from social entrepreneurs and their own journey, as well as site visits to both local and national social businesses.

Lisa Mairah, head of the School of Social Entrepreneurs North West, said: "This is a major opportunity that will not only help to nurture budding social entrepreneurs out there, but in time will also help the community through the social businesses that are launched on the programme.

"We are hugely impressed at the scale of social entrepreneurism in Skelmersdale that exists today and are confident the Skelmersdale Social Innovators Start Up Programme will identify further untapped potential."

Martin from Total Reuse in West Lancashire is a graduate of the School of Social Entrepreneurs. He said: "I heard about the School for Social Entrepreneurs from a friend who told me they were piloting an environmental programme. I submitted my application, had the interview and was accepted onto the programme back in 2009. Whilst I was on the course I had a 'light bulb' moment and came up with my business idea. That night I went home and bought the domain and company names."

Applications will be accepted from anyone aged 17 and over. Applicants can be ready to begin a start-up social enterprise and/or in the early stages of operating (no more than three years of trading).

To get an application form or make an enquiry contact Angela Stanley from the School of Social Entrepreneurs North West on 0151 708 3014, or email angelastanley@blackburnehouse.co.uk Details also available at www.the-sse.org/courses/well-skelmersdale-social-innovators-start-up-programme/.

Printed application forms are also available locally from across Skelmersdale e.g. health centres, community venues and libraries. The deadline for applications is 1pm, Friday, November 17.

To support this programme, two awareness days will be hosted in Skelmersdale Library on November 9 from 1 to 3pm and November 13 from 5 to 7pm. To find out more and download an application form, visit www.wellskelmersdale.wordpress.com.

Paula Gamester

Hard of hearing invited to take part in health services survey

NATIONAL charity Action on Hearing Loss is inviting residents of Lancashire with deafness and hearing loss to take part in a survey to help find out whether measures put in place to improve accessibility of healthcare services have worked.

A previous report released by the charity found that more than a quarter of patients with hearing loss were left feeling unclear about their diagnosis following a GP appointment and almost half had difficulty trying to make a short-notice appointment.

This follow-up report will look at whether the Accessible Information Standard (AIS) has made a significant difference. AIS came into effect in August 2016 and requires all national providers of health and social care to ensure people with hearing loss and other disabilities are provided with communication support when using services.

To complete the survey go to www.surveymonkey.com/r/accesstohealth2017.

Car vandal accused pastor of 'stitch-up'

By our **Court Reporter**

A SKELMERSDALE man convicted of criminal damage to a clergyman's car claimed he was "stitched up".

Karl Tunstall, 33, of Abbeywood, Digmoor Skelmersdale, claimed that both Reverend Stuart Harding, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Southport, and a witness, had conspired to frame him because he had not disposed of his dog's poo.

At Sefton Magistrates Court on Wednesday, October 18, prosecutor Alison Clarkson said that the insinuation that Rev Harding had lied meant that she was permitted to tell the magistrates of Tunstall's criminal record, which amounted to 53 convictions, 15 for criminal damage.

The court also heard from a man who said he had been sitting in his car on Arbour Street, Southport, on the morning of April 25 when he saw Tunstall walking by with his dog.

The witness said he saw Tunstall take something from his pocket before scratching a car parked two cars in front of him.

The man immediately got out to inspect the vehicle which had been scratched and the owner, Reverend Harding, returned moments later.

Both the pastor and the witness then followed Tunstall in their cars and he was seen to enter his then address on Forest Road, Southport.

Embarrassed

In his evidence to the court Rev Harding said his car was scratched on both front and rear offside doors.

"I am not one for confrontation but it came to mind that if he scratched another car I could see him do that. Also, I came to the conclusion that he lived locally as he was walking his dog, so I thought I could follow him to his house and find out where he lived."

Ms Clarkson gave a summary of Tunstall's subsequent interview with police. "His own guess is that he has not picked up his dog's poo and they are trying to stitch him up," she said. "It was explained to him that the victim is a vicar and all he can say is that he feels that he is being stitched up."

Representing himself, Mr Tunstall insisted he had not scratched the car and said it would have been impossible for the witness to have seen him do such a thing through two cars. He maintained he had been accused because he had not picked up his dog's mess.

"I am sometimes embarrassed about picking up dog poo and I thought that that was what this was over," he said.

The magistrates said they found both prosecution witnesses to be entirely credible and honest and on that basis they found Tunstall guilty.

They fined him £150 and ordered that he pay compensation of £300 and £400 in costs.

Tunstall told the court that he would now lose his job at a local hotel.

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Luther became disillusioned and discouraged by the immorality and the corruption in the church. As a result, he returned back to university, eventually becoming a professor of theology.

Through his return to the Bible, Luther came to realise that Christians are saved through faith and not through their own efforts.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God". **Ephesians 2:8** (NKJV)

He also wanted the people to be able to read the Bible in their own language. Both of these things turned him against many of the major teachings of the church at that time.

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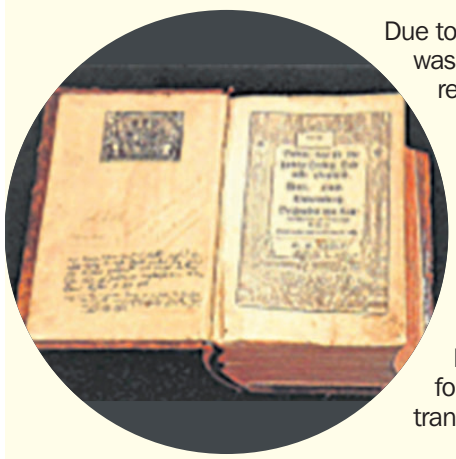
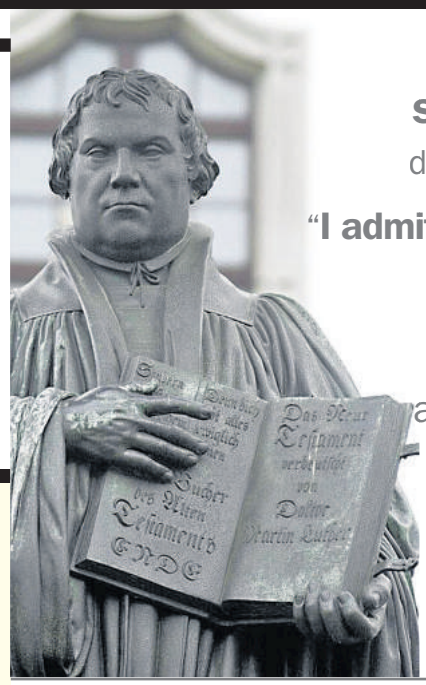


Due to his affront to the established church, Luther was brought before religious tribunals and urged to renounce his teachings.

However, Luther was firm in the Bible's message, and said, 'Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God'.

" … I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day". **2 Timothy 1:12** (NKJV)

Many historians view Martin Luther as the founding father of the Reformation which transformed the face of modern Europe.



"So when the **devil** throws your **sins** in your face and declares that you deserve **death** and **hell**, tell him this:

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Students from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College in the council chamber with West Lancs Mayor, Councillor Neil Furey and Councillor Terry Devine.

Pupils voted a credit to school after democracy debate

STUDENTS from Our Lady Queen of Peace Catholic Engineering College in Skelmersdale were described as 'a credit to their school' following a staged political debate held at West Lancashire Borough Council offices.

The activity was presented as part of Local Democracy Week for the GCSE Citizenship students and included a 'mock' voting exercise with the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Neil Furey, fellow councillors and other officers all involved.

The format of the day began as students took their seats in the debating chamber where they were introduced to the other council members. They were then upstanding for the mayor's entrance.

Councillor Furey introduced the debate about Green Belt land and its use for housing and business in the local area.

Students were given a presentation by the planning department about the nature of releasing Green Belt land and sites that hypothetically could be released to build on.

The youngsters were then invited to contribute to the debate and enthusiastically took up the opportunity, posing relevant questions about the ethical nature of using land for this purpose.

They were then given a vote on the issue via the usual democratic process of casting a vote in the privacy of a polling booth and submitting their ballot paper, as overseen by the Returning Officer. These were then counted and Cllr Furey declared the result.

The students then enjoyed a visit to the mayor's personal chambers for refreshments.

Zoe Fox, citizenship teacher at the school, declared the trip a huge success. She said: "GCSE learners are required to look at local democracy as part of their course. This event has been a fantastic opportunity to see this applied in West Lancashire and our students have benefited enormously from the invitation to see the council in action."

Free help available for TV viewers hit by mast interference

Report by **Henry James**

A GOVERNMENT-backed group has issued advice to people who are suffering bad TV reception thought to be because of the new mobile phone mast in Ashurst.

Set up under government direction, a company called at800 offers free support to households that rely on Freeview for their TV.

The Vodaphone mast has been installed on the corner of Melbreck and Ashmead Road and has been turned on recently.

Last week The Champion reported on problems that residents were having with their Freeview reception.

Since then more residents have come forward this week including Tom Carey from Ashurst who said: "The picture has been breaking up and there is a band across the screen. It has been very difficult to watch television."

John Denner from Denholme commented: "In the last couple of weeks I have lost certain channels and the picture has been pixilated.

"We seem to have lost ITV North West all together. My wife can't get some of the programmes she likes."

A spokeswoman for at800 commented: "We want to ensure that people know it's our role to fix Freeview interference caused by 4G at 800 MHz, and that there's no charge for our service.

"If you rely on Freeview for TV, we can arrange for one of our accredited engineers to visit homes to fix Freeview interference caused by 4G signals free of charge.

Resolved

"If you use Freeview alongside other TV services, we can send free filters which block mobile signals, that are easy to fit to the aerial lead connecting to TVs and set-top boxes.

"In the last two weeks we have taken 10 calls from people in Skelmersdale. Three cases of 4G interference have been confirmed and resolved by our engineers, we have also sent free filters to nine properties in the area.

"Cable and satellite TV, like Sky, won't be affected. However, if viewers have cable and satellite TV and also watch Freeview, at800 can provide free filters but not in-home engineer support.

"at800 also offers extra support for people who are 75 years of age or older, are registered blind or partially sighted or receive any of the following benefits - Personal Independence Payments (PIPs); Attendance Allowance; Constant Attendance Allowance or War Pensioner's Mobility Support.

"To contact at800 call 0808 1313 800 (free from landlines and mobiles) or visit: www.at800.tv/contact-us"

A Vodafone UK spokesperson commented: "4G is delivered using the old analogue TV spectrum, which was switched off in 2012. When the Government sold the spectrum to all mobile phone operators, some of the proceeds were used to set up at800, who will investigate any reported issues with the TV interference.

"Any local resident experiencing TV interference should contact at800."

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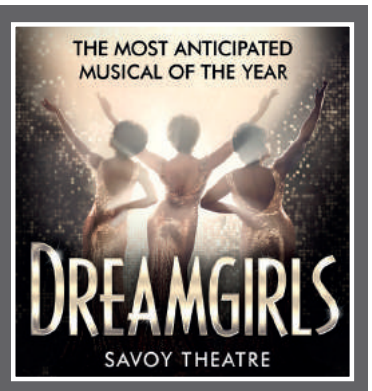

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Council says changes to management team will save £100k-plus

Long-serving director of leisure takes voluntary redundancy

WEST Lancashire Council has agreed changes to its senior management team, which authority bosses say will save more than £100,000 a year, and allow them to continue to deliver on their ambitions for the borough.

Dave Tilleray is leaving West Lancs Council after 22 years with the authority

At its meeting on Wednesday, October 18, the council agreed the voluntary redundancy of Dave Tilleray, the director of leisure and wellbeing, in a move which means that together with previously agreed measures, the authority will make a total of £267,000 in efficiency savings next year from restructuring.

Mr Tilleray has worked for the council for 22 years, originally joining as principal environmental health officer. Following a number of promotions he became executive manager community services, before moving on to become assistant director, and then director of leisure and wellbeing.

Prior to working for West Lancashire he held posts at Blackburn, Preston, Blackpool and Wolverhampton councils.

He is also the chairman of both the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership and the West Lancashire Health and Wellbeing Partnership.

He said: "I have thoroughly enjoyed working for the council, over many years in a profession that assists our community.

"I have had the privilege of working with an excellent set of colleagues, both inside and outside the council.

"We have great partnerships in West Lancashire, including with the Police, parish councils, the Fire Service, Edge Hill University, the Clinical Commissioning Group and with community groups, and I am very proud of what has been achieved over my time at West Lancs."

Dedicated

Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "I would like to place my thanks to Dave on record for his years of dedicated service to the council.

"The council is under financial pressure, with the need to make an estimated £2.7m of savings over the next three years, and we are keeping our operating arrangements under regular review.

"The changes will enable the council to make a significant saving, whilst continuing to deliver its priorities."

From February 1 2018, the council's management team will comprise: Kim Webber - chief executive; Jacqui Sinnott-Lacey - director of housing and inclusion; Heidi McDougal - director of leisure and environment; John Harrison - director of development and regeneration; Terry Broderick - borough solicitor; Marc Taylor - borough treasurer.

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Fun run raises £700-plus for Cystic Fibrosis Trust

ORGANISERS of a charity fun run have declared it a great success - now they are hoping to attract sponsorship from local businesses for future events.

The recently-established Ormskirk & District branch of the Cystic Fibrosis Trust staged the 3km run at Edge Hill University and the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Neil Furey, performed the official start ceremony.

The event attracted runners of all ages and to date it has raised more than £700 for the charity which supports research into finding a cure for the life-limiting condition which affects the lungs and the digestive system.

Margaret Ellams, chair of the branch, said: "It was a real family affair with runners aged from three to 74 taking part and an amazing team of volunteers made sure the route was extensively marshalled and very safe.

"To date we have raised more than £700 for the Cystic Fibrosis Trust and thanks go to everyone who supported the run

"We hope it will be an annual event and perhaps some local businesses out there might like to sponsor it in future!"

The mayor, Councillor Neil Furey, gets the Cystic Fibrosis fun run underway at Edge Hill Sports Centre

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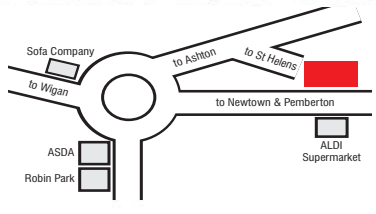

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Hospitals to hold service in memory of loved ones

SOUTHPORT and Ormskirk hospitals are holding a memorial service next month for anyone wishing to remember a loved one.

The memorial service will be held at the Marshside Road Methodist Church, Southport, starting at 10.30am on Sunday, November 5.

Anybody wishing to remember a loved one is welcome to attend.

The service will be led by the Reverend Martin Abrams and the Reverend Jan Fraser from the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Service.

Dr Karen Groves, consultant in palliative medicine, will also be taking part in the service.

Martin Abrams said: "There are many ways people like to remember loved ones. This is a warm invitation to come along for anyone who would wish to do it in the context of a church service.

Rev. Martin Abrams

We hope the time together will be gentle, supportive and encouraging.

"There will be different ways of remembering, including the opportunity to light a candle of remembrance, place a flower of remembrance and record the name of someone special."

Refreshments will be served after the service.

For more information, contact the Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care Service on 01704 704639 or email soh-tr.chaplains@nhs.net.

The chaplaincy service will also hold a baby remembrance service at Ormskirk Hospital from 6.30pm on Wednesday, December 6. More details will be available nearer the time

Bereaved welcome to church's special Thanksgiving and Remembrance event

ANYONE who has lost a loved one is welcome to attend a Thanksgiving and Remembrance Sunday service on Sunday November 5 at Christ Church Douglas-in-Parbold.

The special service will start at 3pm and is expected to last about 45 minutes featuring popular hymns and music.

There will also be an opportunity for visitors to light a candle and have the name of the person they would like to remember read out.

Following the service light refreshments will be served..

The church is located at Parbold Hill and children are welcome.

Parish administrator, Geoff Birchmore, said: "This gentle and reflective service will be taking place for those who have lost loved ones over the past few years and is a chance to come together to remember and give thanks for their lives."

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Champion LETTERS to the Editor

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It's time to take stock of the consequences of EU Referendum result

AS a 'Remain' voter I have the right to question the result of the EU Referendum, especially as it is based on dubious facts.

Of all those eligible to vote only 37% voted Leave (yes, only 37%! are changing the course of this nation!)

Within that figure 70% of 18 to 24-year-olds voted to remain, 62% of 25 to 34-year-olds voted to remain, as did 52% of 35 to 44-year-olds.

Young people in the UK are going to have to live with the consequences of the Referendum for longer than people my age, surely we should take more heed of what they want for their future?

If you buy something that turns out not to be what was promised surely you have the right to take it back?

That should also apply to the Referendum where many of the promises made by Leave campaigners will not be kept.

The evidence is all around us, growing daily and should not be ignored. There is no virtue in pressing ahead with a course of action which is not going to end up as we were promised.

It is time to pause and take stock.

This is especially pertinent as in the House of Commons on June 16, 2015 the Minister for Europe, Mr David Lidington, assured MPs that the Referendum result was "advisory."

R. W., by email details supplied

Shopping centre parking restrictions will drive customers elsewhere

ARE the management trying to close the Concourse by selling the car parking rights to an outside company?

If your husband drops you off at the Concourse he cannot pick you up again for over two hours or he'll get a ticket!

If you do your shopping and leave and then remember you've forgotten something you can't go back or you'll get a ticket.

If you order lots of Xmas presents from Argos or flat-pack items and can only get half in your car you cannot come back for the rest until two hours later.

Late night opening at the Concourse? Forget it! You can only stay four hours and not return within two hours.

So if you pick your kids up from school and take them to the Concourse you cannot stay to see the lights turn on because you'll get a ticket.

Why don't we have a ticket system where the first four hours are free but you can pay for extra hours, makes much more sense?

But even this is too late. Most people I know, have had a ticket and say they will shop elsewhere - ASDA must be thanking their lucky stars!

Concourse management, don't you realise if the centre dies so do your jobs!

Jan Mackie, Skelmersdale

Residents' wishes ignored over Yew Tree Farm development

WHAT appalling memories our councillors must have, because at the most recent detailed planning application for Yew Tree Farm, on October 5, Burscough Conservative County Councillor Eddie Pope remarked that Burscough's residents wanted the application to go ahead and that passed without comment from the other councillors.

Yet on September 20, 2012, 96.3% of Burscough residents, voting in the legally-controlled parish poll, rejected Yew Tree Farm.

In the same year 4,000 people signed a petition presented to WLBC to reject Yew Tree Farm and that petition was also presented to Parliament by MP Rosie Cooper.

So, unfortunately, it is a well-known fact that the wishes of Burscough's residents were ignored by the Conservative planning committee members such as Councillor Eddie Pope who voted for Yew Tree Farm to go ahead at every opportunity, even when the huge amount of houses allocated was actually increased.

Gavin Rattray,
Liverpool Road South, Burscough

PICTURE of the week

Strolling strings... two of the classical musicians who make up 12 Ensemble, London's un-conducted orchestra, serenade shoppers in the aisles of Burscough's Booths supermarket before joining their colleagues for a short performance. The event was part of a mini tour of the region to promote a concert staged by Parbold Douglas Music last weekend. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Simple answer to parking problem

WELL done Councillor Ian Davis for renewing the call for a park and ride.

This is such a simple answer to the student parking around the town if Edge Hill University would take it on board.

Eventually we will have a major incident in the town due to the parking problems.

When the students are back at Edge Hill the roads are dangerous to walk along, especially with prams etc. Students park on junctions, pavements and double park on narrow lanes.

This is obviously not the students' fault, Edge Hill has a duty of care to the students which they are not addressing.

A park and ride is such an easy solution which universities around the country are using.

I think Edge Hill University needs to wake up to the problem they are causing and take control of the situation.

Carole Davies, by email

Drop us a line

IF you've got a view on a topic of local or national interest which you would like to share with the readers of the Champion, why not drop us a line?

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Letters can be posted or emailed to the respective addresses listed at the top of this page.

■ PLEASE note: All views and opinions expressed in letters to the editor are solely those of the authors.

More needs to be done to save lives of breast cancer sufferers

I READ with great concern a new report by Breast Cancer Now, 'Good Enough? Breast Cancer in the UK', which highlights how much more needs to be done to save the lives of people with breast cancer.

Although more women are surviving breast cancer than ever before, it is still the most common cancer in the UK with over 50,000 women diagnosed with the disease each year.

And still every year around 11,500 women die of breast cancer in the UK.

The report uncovered a number of issues that need to be addressed in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

These include the ability to access effective medicines to prevent and treat breast cancer, concerns about having enough specialist cancer doctors and nurses, and unprecedented financial and operational pressures within the NHS.

It is critical that progress is made across these areas, particularly as the number of those living with and beyond breast cancer is expected to rise.

That's why I have emailed my local MP asking them to take action to ensure that Breast Cancer Now can achieve its vision that by 2050, everyone who develops breast cancer will live.

I would encourage others to join me and email their MP by visiting the website www.breastcancernow.org /goodenough2017.

Rachel Walker, by email

National Libraries Week? Not in Up Holland!

I READ with interest that libraries in West Lancashire were undertaking a series of activities in line with National Libraries Week.

What an excellent idea! One problem with this though...Up Holland hasn't got a library!

John Gallagher, Up Holland

Cycle track is just a renamed pavement

I WAS interested to see a letter complaining about cyclists using the roadway on the A59 south of Ormskirk, when there is a cycle track there.

Normally I try, when cycling, to use the cycle paths. But there is a problem with the cycle track on the A59 - it includes two steps!

Riding on this track in the dark (with lights) possibly rather faster than I should have, I encountered these steps which was both uncomfortable for me and did no good to my bicycle.

I suspect it is simply a pavement which has been renamed a cycle track.

C. Y., Scarisbrick

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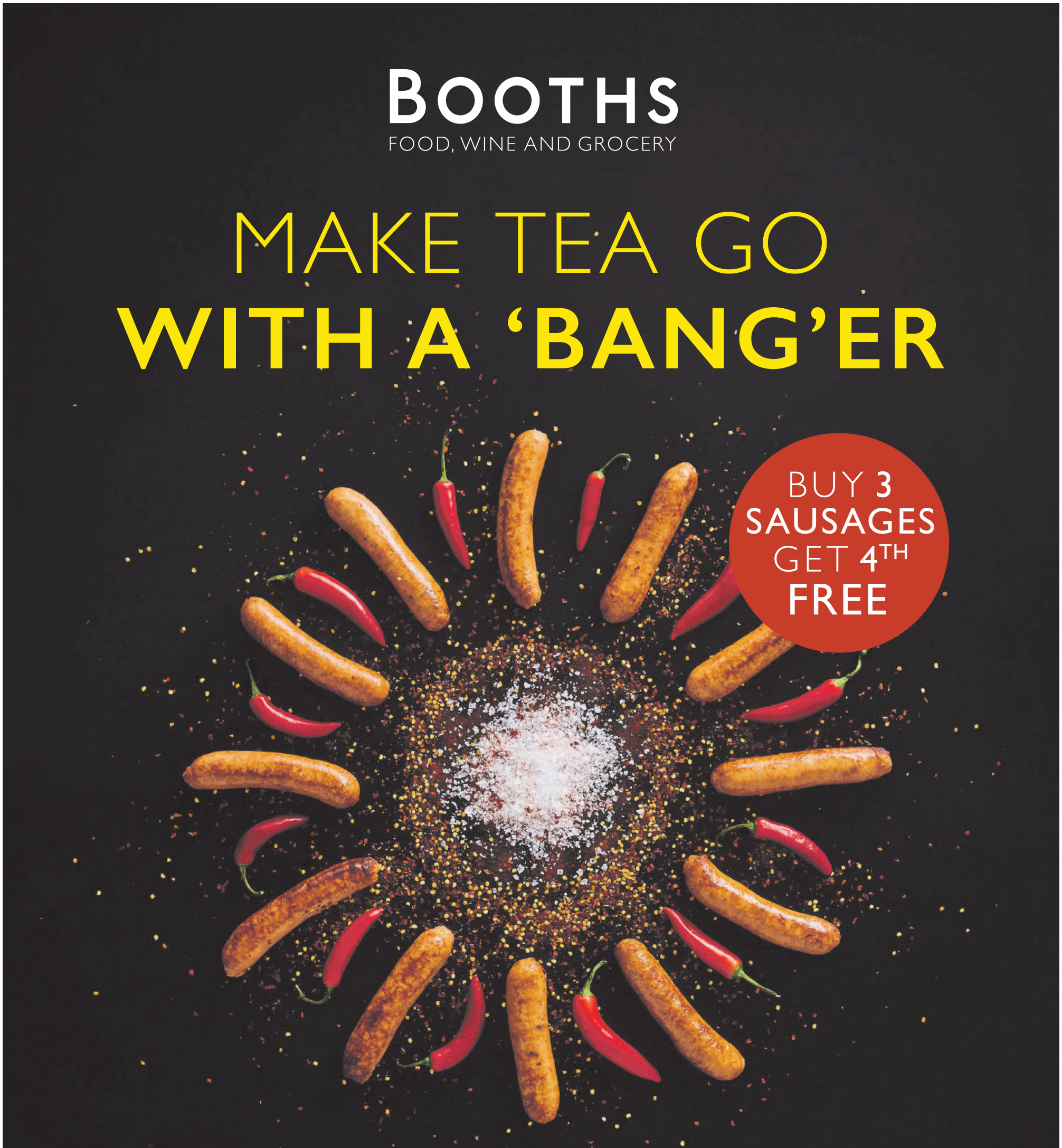

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The Civic to benefit from solicitors' Charity Will Month initiative

Report by **Kenny Parker**

The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk will be the beneficiary of this year's Charity Will Month initiative by local law firm Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors

LEGAL eagles at a West Lancs-based solicitors are once again taking part in Charity Will Month during November to raise funds for good causes.

Since 2009 Dickinson Parker Hill Solicitors based in Derby Street, Ormskirk have raised more than £80,000 for beneficiaries including the neonatal unit at Ormskirk Hospital to buy medical equipment; Help for Heroes, to support injured veterans; and Derian House Children's Hospice in aid of children with terminal illnesses and their families.

Delighted

The firm has also raised money for Macmillan Cancer Support, Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Autism Initiatives, Phabkids a nd the Alzheimer's Society.

Michael Prendergast, partner at Dickinson Parker Hill, said: "We are delighted to be able to carry out our Charity Will Month again this year when we will be trying to raise as much as possible for The Civic in Southport Road, Ormskirk.

"As a community-run project in the heart of Ormskirk we know that many local people will be directly involved in the running of The Civic and others will benefit from facilities provided.

"Hopefully, we can raise as much as possible for them."

During Charity Will month clients are invited to make a donation to the charity rather than paying a fee for their will. The recommended minimum donation for a simple single will is £60 and £120 for simple mirror wills.

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Arriva bus drivers to stage third strike

Report by **Henry James**

ARRIVA bus drivers are to stage a further 24-hour strike on Monday, October 30 in the dispute over pay.

It follows the earlier strikes on Thursday, October 19 and Monday, October 23, over demands for a 'fair and reasonable' pay award.

The action is expected to affect all Arriva services in Lancashire and Merseyside.

The company is urging all passengers to check online before they travel.

Arriva North West managing director, Phil Stone, said: "There have been further talks with the union with an improved offer being made in the hope of preventing further disruptive strike action.

"Despite this improved offer Unite and GMB remain intent on proceeding with the planned action.

"We have tabled a fair pay deal for our drivers in the region and so continue to urge our trade union colleagues to reconsider their position and get back round the negotiating table and call off the strike action.

"Management have offered to meet to try and reach agreement

"Arriva North West once again wholeheartedly apologises to our customers for the disruption this strike action will cause to their journeys.

"Arriva customers with pre-paid tickets travelling in Merseyside, Greater Manchester and Cheshire will be able to use them on the Merseyrail and Northern rail networks, and all Arriva tickets will be accepted on the Stagecoach Quality Network Routes in Merseyside.

"Our priority is to continue working together with Unite and GMB to reach a mutually acceptable outcome, recognising that any pay increase has to be sustainable for the business going forward."

Unite regional officer Neil Clarke has said about the dispute: "All we are seeking is a fair and reasonable pay award against a backdrop of spiralling inflation and soaring living costs."

Arriva bus workers pictured outside the company office in Eastbank Street, Southport during their 24-hour stoppage last week.

Some of the youngsters with the Harvest Festival donations of food

Pupils hand out Harvest Festival food hampers

FOLLOWING a Harvest Festival service in Church, pupils of Class 4 at Bickerstaffe CE School arranged food donated by parents, farmers and parishioners from the village into hampers to distribute within the local community.

Residents in the village's Stockley Crescent were delighted to receive their hampers and enjoyed chatting with the children. They said they were touched by the generosity and commented how kindness can go a long way.

Care home cake crew bake up a boost for cancer charity

RESIDENTS of a dementia care home came up with a recipe for success when they staged their own version of TV's Bake Off to raise money for cancer charity, Macmillan.

Activity co-ordinator Christine Edge organised the Cake Bake event at Cardinal Heenan House in Roby Mill, Up Holland.

She said: "We held our own version of Bake Off, namely Cake Bake, and the residents and relatives put on their aprons and gloves and reminisced about their experiences baking cakes as they stirred their mixture and filled their cake cases.

"It was lovely to see them enjoying the atmosphere and chatting about what they were doing and lots of cakes were made."

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Civic recognition for cricket club history-makers!

ORMSKIRK Cricket Club has been awarded a civic seal of approval following spectacular performances on the pitch this year.

The club has seen each of its three teams triumph at the top of their respective leagues, while also enjoying incredible cup success.

West Lancashire Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey hosted a reception for the club at the council offices where they handed club chairman, Tim Dickinson and 1st XI team captain Matt Glayzer an award for their "unprecedented season of success."

The Alty's lane outfit's 1st XI won the Liverpool Competition Premier Division title, losing just three league matches all season.

And the club's 2nd XI and 3rd XI teams also secured top spot in their respective divisions - a feat never before achieved by the club.

As if that was not enough, the first team also reached the finals of the National Club Cricket Championship, being only narrowly beaten by Wanstead & Snaresbrook, and the final of the Lancashire Knockout when they ended up sharing the trophy with Lowerhouses after the match was washed out.

West Lancs Mayor and Mayoress, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey present Ormskirk CC 1st team captain Matt Glayzer (left) and chairman Tim Dickinson with awards to mark the club's 'unprecedented season of success' with proud club members looking on.

Chairman, Tim Dickinson decribed the season as "phenomenal" with club history being made.

A statement issued by the council read: "West Lancashire Borough Council was very pleased to present a certificate of achievement and a commemorative shield to Ormskirk Cricket Club after their unprecedented season of success in 2017."

And Councillor Neil Furey added: "Congratulations to Ormskirk Cricket Club on their fantastic season of success. They have had many great achievements in the past as well, and I wish them the very best of luck in the future."

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Survey shows county has most reported potholes in region

Council says it's because we have more roads

RESEARCH by car insurance comparison website Confused.com shows that Lancashire tops the table for the number of reported potholes in the North West.

Nearly four times as many complaints about potholes were received in Lancashire as in the next highest, Greater Manchester, and nearly eight times as many as third-placed Cheshire. Two authorities, St Helens Council and Manchester City Council, failed to provide any details of how many potholes were reported.

However, the highways authority, Lancashire County Council says the results are not surprising as the county has more roads than its neighbours.

A Freedom of Information request by Confused.com revealed a total of 120,748 potholes were reported to the region's councils in 2016, costing £16,411,644 in repairs. A combined £152,274 was also paid out in compensation to motorists for damage caused by potholes.

The number of potholes reported in Lancashire was 79,284 and the figures for Greater Manchester, Cheshire, Cumbria, and Merseyside were 20,532, 10,971, 4,876, and 5,085 respectively.

Money spent on repairing the potholes in Lancashire amounted to £7,138,452, nearly twice that of Greater Manchester at £3,656,777.

But the £29,075 paid out in compensation in Lancashire was less than half of that paid out in Greater Manchester (£75,725) and less than that paid by councils on Merseyside at £31,814.

Separate research by the company showed 33% of motorists in the UK claim that their car has been damaged by a pothole.

Amanda Stretton, motoring editor at Confused.com, said: "Potholes are a major bugbear among drivers, not least because of the damage they do to our vehicles. If drivers experience a bump in the road they should report it to their local council as soon as possible before the problem gets any worse."

Nearly two-thirds of potholes reported to local authorities in North West last year were in Lancashire

County Councillor Keith Iddon, Lancashire's cabinet member for highways and transport, said: "Lancashire's highways network is the biggest in the North West, over 4,400 miles in length, so it's no surprise that we figure highly in a survey like this. However, we also spend more to maintain them and prevent potholes appearing.

"We recognise how important roads are to our economy, ensuring people and goods can travel efficiently, and are investing a further £5m in highway maintenance this year on top of the funding we receive from the Department for Transport, adding up to a budget in excess of £24m for 2017/18.

"We expect to spend around £4m on repairs to potholes with the majority of the funding for planned maintenance which helps to prevent them in the first place."

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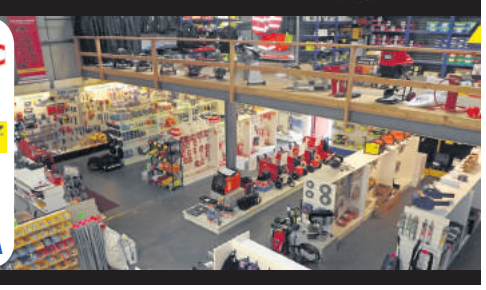

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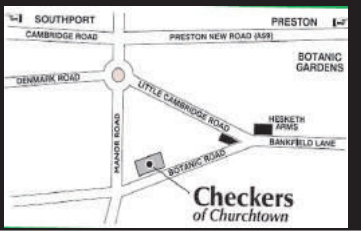

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New app to provide details of disabled access to health facilities

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust is teaming up with a company that specialises in accessibility issues to make it easier for disabled patients to plan visits to health care facilities.

The trust's property services department is working in partnership with Disabled Go to assess core sites to ensure buildings are accessible for both patients and staff with a disability.

When finished information about the accessibility of more than 100 health facilities across Lancashire will be available via an app so that carers can be aware of what to expect upon arrival.

Disabled Go's app will provide a summary of the site's accessibility with detailed information about all of its key features such as hearing loops, toilet access, car parking and facilities for guide dogs.

Emma Allen, equality and diversity lead at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust said: "We are excited to be working with Disabled Go to provide more information about access and facilities across our sites. We are aware of the barriers which disabled people face when accessing services in the community so this informative app will be extremely useful for the people who use our services, their families or carers and people working for us, by providing information needed to break down those barriers.

"As a trust we are committed to keeping people at the heart of everything we do and we hope that by being included in this fantastic, information resource we can meet the demands and expectations of all of the people that use our services and become as inclusive as possible."

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Resident Dorothy Haddock gets up close and personal with Phyllis the snake at Stocks Hall Care Home in Burscough

Snake charmer!

Care home plays host to visitor with a difference!

RESIDENTS at the Stocks Hall Care Home in Burscough enjoyed a theraputic treatment with a difference when operations manager, Sam Potter brought his pet snake Phyllis to work!

At first most of them didn't know whether to laugh or scream, but the royal python proved a real charmer and soon they were all happy to take turns holding and stroking her.

Sammi Molyneux, manager of the home in Liverpool Road South, said: "It was great to see the enjoyment Phyllis's visit brought to our residents, as well as their friends and staff members.

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With over 40 different A level and BTEC courses on offer, the Wigan college is inviting prospective students to come along to an Open Evening this November.

The college is one of just three sixth form colleges in the country to be judged ‘outstanding’ under Ofsted’s new more stringent Common Inspection Framework, receiving the highest possible rating in all areas.

The glowing report published in March praised the exceptional progress made by A level and BTEC students who achieved a 99% and 100% pass rate in their exams this summer.

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Hosted at the College on Gathurst Road, students and parents are invited to drop into an Open Evening from 5.30-8.30pm on Wednesday 1st and Tuesday 14th November.

Parking is free and located at the rear of the College.

College Principal, Peter McGhee said, “It’s a great opportunity to experience a slice of college life at St John Rigby as well as chat with our teachers and students. We’d love to welcome as many new faces as possible.”

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Midwife Robin Rootes with trustee Dave Halsall from the League of Friends in the new-look waiting area

Friends help brighten up hospital waiting area

A CHILDREN'S waiting area at Ormskirk District and General Hospital has received a makeover - thanks to the League of Friends.

The waiting area within the antenatal and gynecology clinic has new child-friendly furniture, flooring and a mural painted by local artist, Gary Scarisbrick.

The area allows children to be entertained while their mothers or carers wait for their appointment.

Robin Rootes is a midwife in the clinic and helped design the mural featured on the wall. She said: "The new children's area has had a complete revamp and it's made such a difference to the atmosphere in the clinic. The children now have somewhere inviting to play while they wait, which helps their mum or carer relax.

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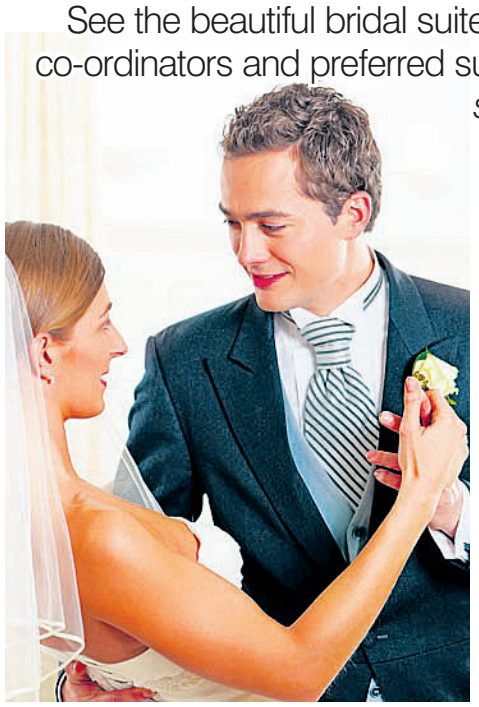

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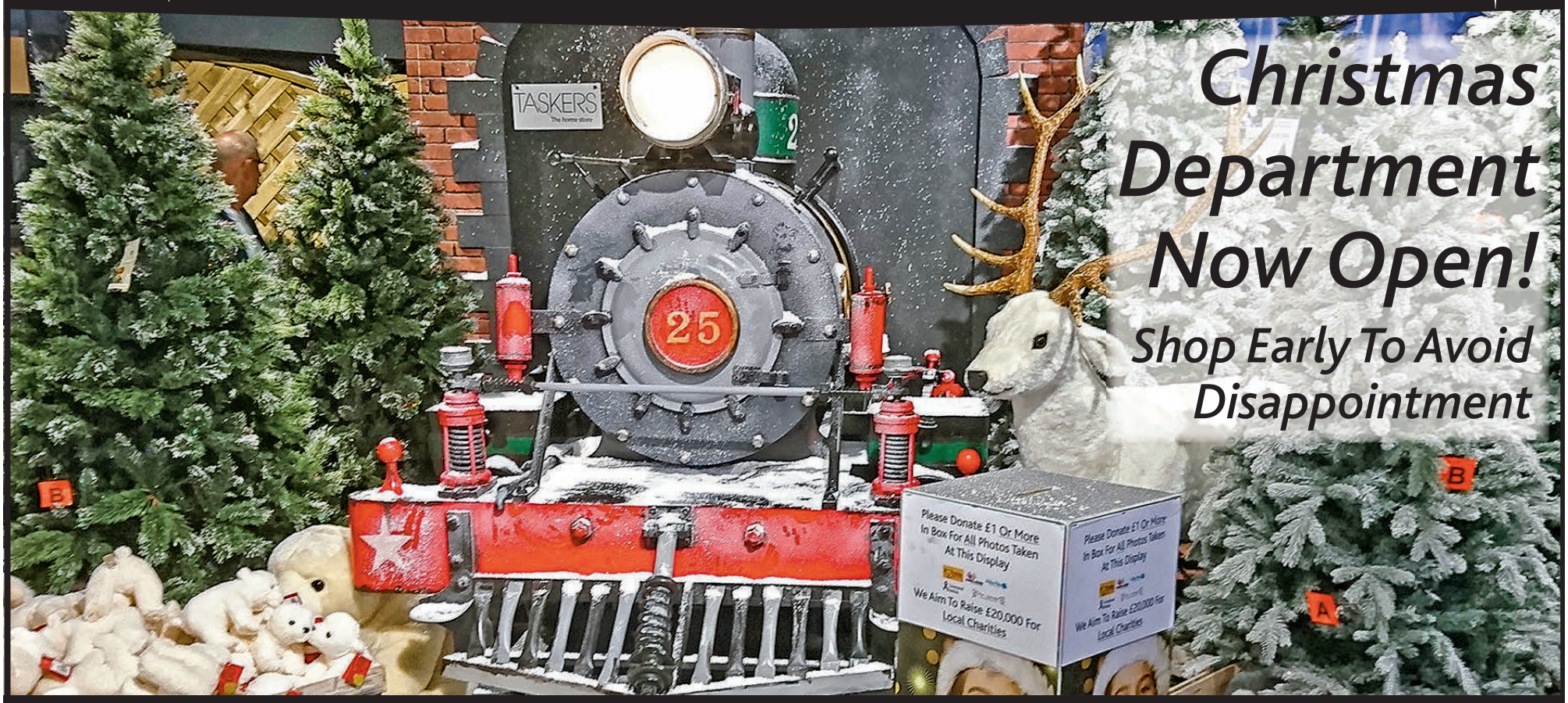
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Members of the organising committee of Appley Bridge Community Association pictured at their cruise-themed Ladies' Night fundraiser.

Ladies' Night raises grand total for cancer charity

FUNDRAISING proved plain sailing for members of the Appley Bridge Community Association when they staged a cruise-themed Ladies' Night in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

The community centre in Appley Lane North was transformed into a luxury liner for the event which raised more than £1,000 for the charity from the proceeds of ticket sales, a raffle and an art auction.

More than 90 guests were welcomed by a Scottish piper and drummer and enjoyed a bucks fizz reception before wining, dining and dancing the night away.

DJ Danny of Team Theme provided the music in keeping with the cruise theme with tunes from the Caribbean to Ibiza and reggae to the Beach Boys and Wham.

Chair of the organising committee, Mrs Naomi Joyce, said: "This was our first ladies night and it proved to be a resounding success so we hope to hold a similar event in the not too distant future.

"We were keen to promote friendship and community in our village but were a little bit nervous that we might not be able to pull off a ladies' night in our community centre. But we needn't have worried - the ladies of Appley Bridge fully embraced the evening making it a resounding success.

"Our next fundraising event is the Appley Bridge Christmas Market on Sunday, November 19.

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Care home residents' musical birthday treat

RESIDENTS at a West Lancs care home were treated to an afternoon of musical entertainment to celebrate its 15th anniversary.

The Ormskirk Ukulele Club and singer Tony Gibbons went along to the Aughton Park home in Aughton Park Drive for the occasion and activities co-ordinator, Marie Orr, said: "It was a successful afternoon with some wonderful entertainment. The residents are still talking about it."

And the home followed up the next day by staging a coffee morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support which raised £313.

Halloween event will be a scream!

'FANTASTIC frights' and 'stupendous screams' are promised when West Lancs Council stages its Halloween extravaganza in Coronation Park, Ormskirk on Tuesday, October 31.

Plenty of eerie goings-on are planned between 6 and 8pm, including scary walks through the woods with vampires, witches and ghosts.

Live music will be provided by The Doctors, while Base Dance will be showing off their Halloween-style dance floor moves. There will also be fancy dress and best pumpkin competitions.

Meanwhile in the run-up to the big night on Saturday, October 28 there is a chance to enjoy carving scary pumpkins at Stanley Coronation Park, Skelmersdale from 10am and at Richmond Park, Burscough from 2pm.

Another pumpkin-carving session is also planned at Coronation Park, Ormskirk from 2pm on Sunday, October 29.

Booking is essential for the pumpkin carving. To reserve your place, call 01695 570258 or 01695 622794.

Pumpkins from the carving sessions will be dotted around Coronation Park, Ormskirk, on Halloween night and the best three will win prizes.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult at all events and those planning to attend are advised to wear suitable footwear and clothing for the weather and ground conditions.

Special recognition for hospice volunteers

TWO hard-working volunteers on behalf of a hospice which cares for patients throughout the North West, including West Lancashire, have been given special awards in recognition of their ongoing support.

Mark Dickinson and John Spicer received awards for supporting Thornton-based St Joseph's Hospice at the 800 Group's Community Volunteer Awards.

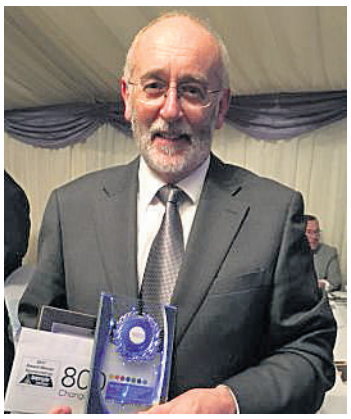
The 800 Group consists of eight Merseyside charities with more than 800 years of charitable service between them.

The awards are a celebration of volunteers who 'go the extra mile' and are an inspiration to others.

Mark is a volunteer at the hospice's charity shop in Maghull, while John is a volunteer at the charity shop in Ormskirk.

Siobhan Clinton, volunteer co-ordinator at St Joseph's Hospice, said: "Our two award winners were nominated by their shop manager for the support they provide to her, the team of volunteers in the shop and for their kind manner with the customers.

"We would like to congratulate Mark and John on their award and thank them for the contribution they have made to the hospice."



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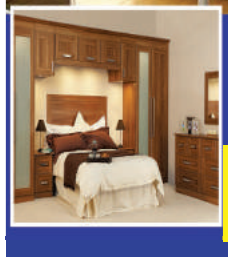

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Maureen Cross of Bank view van hire hands over the keys for the two vans to Jo Rigby-Clare retail manager of St Joseph's Hospice

New vans hit road for hospice charity shops

TWO new hospice vans have hit the road to support the running of their charity shops across the area, including Ormskirk.

Report by **Tom Martin**

St Joseph's Hospice in Thornton has acquired the new vehicles thanks to a part-funding agreement with Bootle-based Bank View Hire.

The hospice has 10 shops located across Merseyside, including Ormskirk and these will all be serviced by the vans, which will also be available for furniture collections and household clearances.

The keys for the vans were handed over to hospice retail manager, Jo Rigby-Clare, by Maureen Cross, owner of Bank View Hire last week.

Jo said: "Our new vans will make a huge difference to the number of furniture collections and house clearances we can facilitate.

"We are always in need of more goods to sell in our shops, especially furniture, and our new vans mean we will now be able to collect more furniture from people's homes, completely free of charge.

"We are very grateful to everyone at Bank View Hire for their unwavering support since 2014 and for making our new vans look fantastic.

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Strike has helped me to appreciate our robust public transport system

HAVE you ever found that adversity can bring unexpectedly pleasant results?

For instance, when I first heard of the impending Arriva bus strikes I was put out, to say the least. I generally rely entirely on Arriva to get me from Maghull not only to Champion Towers in Southport twice a week, but also for shopping in Ormskirk. And in this particular case, I needed to get into Liverpool on the first day of the threatened three one-day strikes.

I can, of course, use Merseyrail to get to both Ormskirk and Liverpool though it means a fairly lengthy walk to the station - OK if the weather is clement but a rather soggy bind if it's wet.

And I could also take the train to Southport, with the aforementioned proviso, and in this case my journeys are also governed by newspaper deadlines so soggy or not, they have to be done. From Maghull I would have to travel into Liverpool, change at Sandhills and then head all the way back to Southport.

But, after a few minutes serious thought, I found quite attractive public transport alternatives. In Maghull we are fortunate in having Merseytravel circular buses which link most parts with Maghull station, so that solves one problem. Ormskirk was back on the agenda, likewise getting into Liverpool.

And I realised that I did have an alternative - and quicker - way to get to Southport, or Liverpool for that matter. There is an hourly Comfeybus which travels through Maghull close to where I live, on its way between Kirkby and Waterloo station in Crosby. So, with only a little extra effort, I found I could still reach Southport quite easily, and given a slightly earlier start, at much the same time as the direct Arriva bus from Maghull.

So in fact, despite almost all my local travels usually relying on Arriva (and their service is pretty good though I wish they could refrain from adjusting their timetables almost as frequently as I change my socks) they can still be satisfactorily achieved without it.

This made me realise that folk living in urban areas around here have a pretty good and robust public transport system. And before the howls of protest from those living out in the sticks, I know that the same certainly does not apply to large swathes of the British Isles - or even Lancashire.

In rural Norfolk, for instance, not many years ago there was a pretty comprehensive system of bus routes linking villages with each other, and the main centres of Norwich, Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft.

I know because in days not that long gone by I used to use the local buses in the Broads area quite a lot. But now, for instance, what used to be an hourly bus service from Wroxham (where my rail journey from Liverpool ended) to Potter Heigham, a Broads centre where I needed to go (and on to Yarmouth) is non-existent.

Actually, I found the last time I tried to make this journey, that it was possible - perhaps. I discovered there is one bus you might be able to take to Potter Heigham - a school service on which 'ordinary' folk can also travel.

And the friendly driver told me that I could use it to get to my destination but only if any of the children also wanted to go there! In this instance, none did. So I was deposited at a village some three miles distant, and had to trudge with my baggage along a fairly busy road with no pavements.

It was a rather harrowing and very tiring experience. What on earth local people without a car do, I cannot imagine. But it makes me all the more glad that normally, here at least, public transport is a viable alternative way of getting around.

Care trust scores double success at mental health awards ceremony

LANCASHIRE Care NHS Foundation Trust bagged two awards at the prestigious national Positive Practice in Mental Health Awards ceremony.

The trust's Mood on Track Programme, run by the Psychosis and Bipolar Psychological Care Network, won the 'Psychological Therapies in Secondary Care' Award hosted by NHS England.

The network was commended for their innovative work in providing an assessment and treatment service dedicated to individuals who have a diagnosis of psychosis and/or bipolar disorder.

And the Acute Therapy Service (ATS) was also highly commended in the same category for their work in improving the care pathway and choices for individuals in a mental health crisis by enabling them to remain in their own home while receiving care.

The event, organised by the Positive Practice in Mental Health Collaborative in partnership with Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, was held at the Imperial Hotel in Blackpool and featured 16 categories were open to teams, services and individuals working in mental health.

Professor Heather Tierney-Moore, chief executive at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "It has been an honour to host this year's Positive Practice in Mental Health Awards in partnership with the collaborative.

Fabulous

"The ceremony was even bigger than previous years showing just how much positive practice there is to celebrate across the country.

"As always, the standard of the nominations was fabulous and everyone who was nominated should be extremely proud."

And Angie Russell from the Positive Practice in Mental Health Collaborative, added: "This year's awards have been a great success and it has been fantastic to host the awards alongside Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust.

"Each year the awards grow even bigger and we have received some amazing examples of positive practice in mental health.

"This year's event has been a double celebration as we are also launching the Lancashire Positive Practice in Mental Health Service Directory."

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Home-Start volunteers who successfully completed a preparation course in West Lancashire

Family support charity celebrates coming of age

OFFICIALS of a charity which provides support for families with young children have held a double celebration to mark its coming of age.

Home-Start Central Lancashire has been helping families in West Lancashire, Chorley and South Ribble for 21 years through a combination of home visits and group support.

The first event to mark the milestone was the group's annual general meeting when 75 guests, including the mayors and mayoresses of the three boroughs, attended a presentation.

And the second was a lively 21st birthday party attended by 140 children and parents, along with staff and chairwoman of Home-Start Lancashire, Jeannie Stirling.

Meanwhile, nine new volunteers have successfully completed a Volunteer Preparation Course to work with Home-Start held at Park Childrens Centre, Skelmersdale.

The volunteers each received a certificate presented by Jeannie Stirling and will soon be linking with families in the West Lancs area or helping in one of Home-Start's Family Groups.

The charity are also recruiting volunteers for their next preparation course which is due to start on Friday, November 10 at the Home-Start premises in Chorley.

Anyone interested in volunteering and who can spare two to three hours per week can ring 01257 241636 for details.

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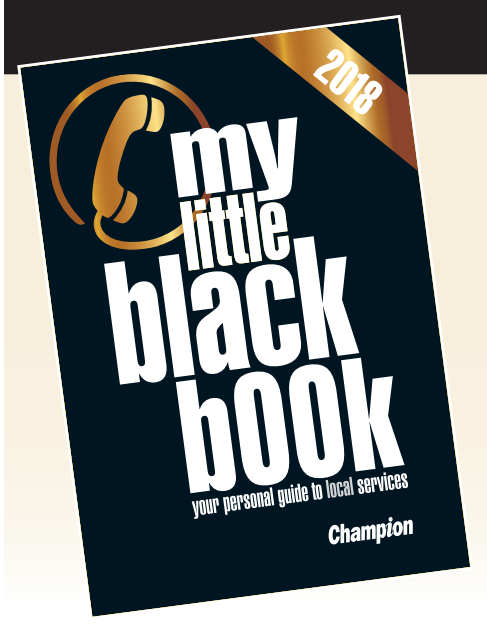

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Police chiefs welcome setting up of 'Support to Report' centres for victims of hate crime

LANCASHIRE'S Police and Crime Commissioner, Clive Grunshaw joined representatives from Lancashire Constabulary and partner organisations who have successfully become third party 'Support to Report' services for hate crimes and incidents at an accreditation ceremony to mark National Hate Crime Awareness Week.

Report by **Henry James**

Members of the public will be able to report hate incidents through the following organisations - Disability Equality North West, Lancashire Council of Mosques, Drugline Lancashire, Club Casa Romanilor and The Sophie Lancaster Foundation - who will offer support and guidance in reporting this as a crime to Lancashire Constabulary.

In instances where victims may not want to report directly to the police, these services will still help victims to access the range of support available through Lancashire Victim Services. All reports of incidents will also be included in statistics.

The accreditation of these five organisations, the first in Lancashire, highlights the commissioner and constabulary's commitment to tackling hate crime in the county. It follows National Hate Crime Awareness Week 2017 which has seen awareness events taking place across Lancashire as well as the rest of the UK.

Mr Grunshaw said: "Offering victims of hate crime a number of ways to report is an important part of the work being done across the county, to tackle what is a major concern for many in Lancashire.

"It is also clear that more people feel comfortable to come forward and report instances of hate crime, which is helping more victims receive the help and advice they need.

"These 'Support to Report' centres offer another avenue for reporting incidents and receiving support - ensuring this is as easy as possible can only be a good thing, with supporting victims of crime a key priority in my Police and Crime Plan.

"Lancashire is no place for hate and we continue to send this message loud and clear by encouraging people to sign the 'Say No To Hate' pledge, reporting incidents when they happen and seeking support through Lancashire Victim Services."

And Chief Inspector Ian Mills of Lancashire Constabulary, added: "We know that hostility and hate incidents/crimes go under-reported every day. We do not want people to have to tolerate this behaviour or feel as though they have to change their lifestyle to avoid them.

"These reporting centres open up a wide range of ways victims can report in confidence and seek support. Lancashire Constabulary encourages all victims of hostility or hate to come forward and report - anonymously if necessary - to one of the centres or the police."

Lancashire Police Commissioner Clive Grunshaw and Chief Inspector Ian Mills (centre) pictured with representatives of Disability Equality NW, Lancashire Council of Mosques, Club and Drugline Lancashire

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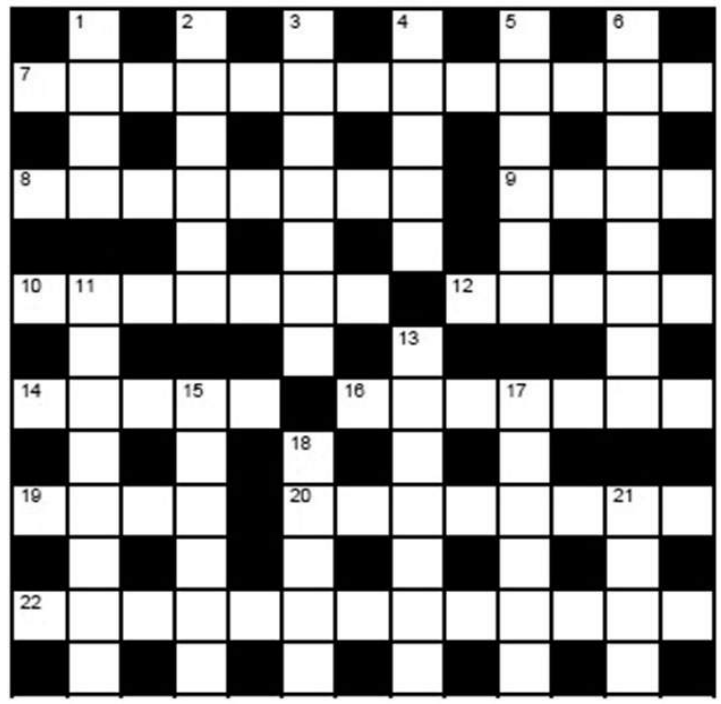

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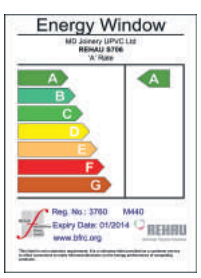

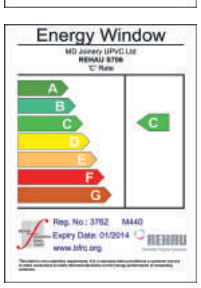

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Group's dancing feat has audience on their feet!

Report by **Kenny Parker**

MEMBERS of an award-winning West Lancashire dance group earned a standing ovation when they performed at an event to mark Mental Health Week.

Divine Dance, a creative dance group for those with additional needs, were invited to take part in the event organised by Crosby-based charity, In Another Place.

The dancers supported a performance by the charity's Gospel Choir of Crosby and their routines proved a big hit with the audience at Merchant Taylors School.

Divine Dance is attached to the Divine Days community arts company. Set up to make the arts accessible to all, the group's base is in Burscough but it hosts workshops and events across Lancashire.

The dancers, who rehearse at Skelmersdale's Greenhill community hub, were joint group winners and joint overall winners in the contemporary section of the North West Nelson Dance Festival competition in 2015.

Katie Whitehead, Divine Days managing director and creative arts practitioner, said: "We had a fantastic night performing in Crosby, we were thrilled to be asked and our dancers didn't disappoint, they were absolutely amazing.

"As always, I was immensely proud of all the dancers and everything they have achieved. We are an inclusive dance group and our performance team include both able-bodied and disabled dancers.

"Our youngest dancer is six years old and the dancers performed alongside each other, in group performances, duets, and solos to music sung by the In Another Place Gospel choir.

"To see the audience jump to their feet to give our dancers a standing ovation was awe-inspiring."

Members of Divine Dance who performed at an event to mark Mental Health Week

Primary pupils' lessons in giving

YOUNGSTERS at a West Lancs primary school have been learning about giving to charity as part of their special Harvest Festival assembly.

Pupils at Aughton Town Green Primary School were asked to donate tins, bottles and packets of food to Ormskirk Food Bank.

Headteacher, Nick Huxley, said: "We were delighted to receive so many donations from our school's families. The children really enjoyed their assemblies and celebrating harvest time, but it is also so important that schools ensure that our children have an understanding of charity."

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The West Lancashire Walking Football squad were beaten finalists at a tournament in Portugal

Walking Football team's penalty shoot-out agony

THE West Lancashire Walking Football squad's bid for international success was thwarted at the final hurdle when they lost out in a spot-kick showdown!

The team, made up of over-50s from throughout the borough, reached the final of a tournament in the Algarve, Portugal where they met the holders, a team called Olah, who had former Coventry and Newcastle professional, Brian Kilcline in their ranks.

Despite this, the West Lancs team held their rivals to a 1-1 draw at full-time only to suffer the agony of losing in the subsequent penalty shoot-out!

On the first day of the competition, the West Lancs team played four games, winning three and drawing one to top their group.

They followed this up on day two by again winning three of their four matches to clinch their place in the final.

Now they are hoping to go one better next year by taking part in another tournament in Portugal for over-60s - and they won't have to face the formidable Olah whose team members are all in their 50s!

The West Lancs team play regularly at Edge Hill Sports Campus and members live in Aughton, Ormskirk, Burscough and Skelmersdale.

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Chance to have your say at council meetings

RESIDENTS are being reminded that they have the right to give their views on items to be discussed by West Lancashire Borough Council.

Members of the public have the chance to speak on certain agenda items at council meetings where important decisions are made that affect people across the borough.

In addition to long-standing arrangements already in place for speaking at planning and licensing committees, there are also opportunities to speak on items being considered at meetings of the cabinet, the audit & governance committee, the standards committee and the overview and scrutiny committee.

Forthcoming meetings are: Cabinet, Tuesday, November 7 at 7pm.; Executive overview & scrutiny committee, Thursday, November 23 at 7pm.

Agendas for these meetings will be published on the council's website, www.westlancs.gov.uk, in the week preceding the meeting.

To request to speak, members of the public must contact member services with their request by 5pm on the Thursday of the week preceding the meeting.

Requests can be submitted by email to member.services@westlancs.gov.uk or by sending it to: Member Services, West Lancashire Borough Council, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, West Lancashire, L39 2DF.

Full details of the arrangements are provided in the council's Public Speaking Protocol which can be found at www.westlancs.gov.uk/speak.

Agendas and dates of future meetings can be found by going to www.westlancs.gov.uk and clicking on the link to council meetings and agendas in the 'About the Council' section on the homepage.

Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "The council provides services for people living and working in the borough and the opinions of local people about those services are really important to us. So please take a look at the agendas for these meetings when they are online and let the council know if you want to come and speak on any of the items listed."

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Company rehearsing next show

MAGHULL Musical Theatre Company is bringing Made In Dagenham to the Southport Little Theatre for the first time.

The show can be seen at the venue from Wednesday, November 8 to Saturday, November 11, every evening at 7.30pm, and there will also be a matinee on November 11 at 2.15pm.

This musical was only in the West End in 2014 and looks at the 1968 Ford sewing machinists strike.

This show tells the story of the women of Dagenham going on strike in 1968 for equal pay and enlisting the help of the women of Halewood. This all led to the Equal Pay Act in the 1970s.

The show features Harold Wilson and Barbara Castle and audiences will learn how ordinary families were affected by and coped with events.

Some of the cast of Made In Dagenham

A spokeswoman for Maghull Musical Theatre Company said: "The show is performed by a very talented cast who have really enjoyed being part of our latest venture.

"It's a history lesson with a difference and we have been surprised by how many people have said 'Oh I worked there when that happened'."

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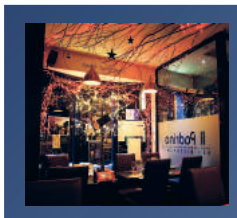

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London's finest musicians perform across the borough

A GROUP of 12 of London's finest and most exciting chamber musicians have visited West Lancashire.

12 ensemble were featured artists in Parbold Douglas Music's current season and also performed a series of impromptu events in Wigan, Skelmersdale, Ormskirk and Southport.

They played at the Auditorium, Parbold Village Hall on Saturday, October 21 at 7.45 pm.

They also performed a series of on-the-hoof concerts in the local area on Friday, October 20. They played in an impromptu performance in Wigan's Grand Arcade at 11.15 a.m. Their next stop was Skelmersdale Concourse Shopping Centre where they performed just before 1pm. They then played at Marks & Spencer, Southport. The group's final appearance was in Booths in Burscough.

Two of the classical musicians who make up 12 ensemble, London's un-conducted orchestra stroll through the aisles of Burscough Booths Supermarket before joining their colleagues for a short concert for shoppers. The event was part of a mini tour of the region to promote an event staged by Parbold Douglas Music last weekend.

Live music in Skelmersdale Concourse shopping centre from 12 ensemble - London's string orchestra who were in the area to promote last weekend's event staged by Parbold Douglas Music.

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Cheryl enjoying playing Wicked Witch of the West

CHERYL Fergison made her name as Heather Trott in EastEnders, but she is clearly enjoying playing a completely different role in the Wizard of Oz, which is being performed at the Southport Theatre this week.

The actress played the likeable-character in the TV soap for many years, however in the Wizard of Oz she is starring as the Wicked Witch of the West.

She commented: "Heather was known for being nice, so it is great to show audiences different things. I was in people's front rooms for so many years in EastEnders as Heather and people begin to believe that you are that person. It is all being part of an actor, you must have the ability to play different parts. I am really enjoying this role in the Wizard of Oz."

The Wizard of Oz was successful when it was staged at the St Helens Theatre Royal last October.

Cheryl added: "This show is great family entertainment. It sticks fairly closely to the story of the Wizard of Oz."

The show opened at the Southport Theatre on Tuesday 24 and is on until Thursday, October 26.

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November

ISLANDS IN THE STREAM
Thursday 23rd

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MENS WRANGLER jeans, 36" waist, 30" leg, as new £15 07791 053266

CLOTHING

LIPSY OF London shoulder bag, leatherette/faux fur decoration - black. Unused. £5 07855222552

COMPUTING

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CLOAKROOM TOILET SUITE Ideal Standard Ivory Toilet with seat, cistern, corner washbasin and ceramic soap holder with towel ring. Fitted for 3 months then in storage. £75 01704 560150

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MAHOGANY MACKINTOSH Wall cabinet. Glass display doors, shelving, three drawers and three cupboards. Lovely traditional piece of furniture in very good condition 07800939526

TOY/BEDDING CHEST Small white wooden pretty bedding/toy chest with side metal handles. Flower pattern painted on top and front. Size H 18 x W 21 x D 15 inches. £38 01704 560150

LEATHER RECLINER beige, excellent condition £30 ono. Dog crate/cage, 6 months old £15 ono. Ladies black leather coat, size 14/16, never worn£30 0151 5484463

3-PIECE SUITE large black genuine leather, immaculate condition, very comfy, will accept £220 for quick sale, absolute bargain, must see! 07812 479891

WALL UNIT Mahogany 6 1/2ft x 2 1/2ft drop down drinks compartment illuminated display cupboards 2 drawers 2 storage cupboards below. VGC 0151 2879755

RADIATOR white complete with wall brackets, 600mm high 1120mm long, excellent condition, only £30. Two matching bronze metal lamps £15 07977 344241

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COFFEE TABLE Music Themed table with ornamental violin & music books base, oval glass top. W34", D25", H21". £150, Unused 0151 9204835

UPLIGHT FLOORLAMP Modern brushed steel upright lamp 2 lights one adjustable for reading. excellent condition. £20 01704 891371

DE-LONGHI 3kw fan heater, little used. Very clean - white/ grey colour. See Argos cat page 866(item 4) for similar. Ex con. £12 07855222552

MANS NEW TIMBERLAND BOOTS New Mens size 12 timberland boots brown and light brown colour cost £160 sell for £25 07933289431

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DINING SET Teak extending table and 4 brown leather chairs £200 o.n.o. 0151 9321725

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Announcements

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PERRY ELIZABETH

23rd October

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Brother Peter and Ann would like to thank most sincerely all family, neighbours, dear friends, colleagues, HFT & friends of the Phil for the many messages of condolence, sympathy cards, mass cards & donations received during their recent sad loss of Joan. Special thanks to Prof Ian Tracey DL, The R.L.P.O. Quartet, & the medical teams. Grateful thanks to Father Alban Hood OSB, Father Godric Timney OSB, Father Boniface Moran OSB, Father Benjamin Standish OSB and to Sally Hunter and team at MLS Independent Funeral Directors. Mass will be offered for you all.

BIRTLES ETHEL

The family of Ethel would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and support, cards and generous donations at this sad time. Thank you also to Sutton Grange Nursing Home and staff for their care and support. Thank you to Father Tom for his kind ministrations and to Neal Buckley for dignified funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

FERGUSON CHRISTOPHER CHARLES (CHARLIE)

13th October 2017

Peacefully in Hospital and of Skelmersdale, formerly of Bootle

Aged 67 years

Much loved Husband of Christine. Loving Father of Barbara, Trish and Tony. Step Father of Damon and Debby and a much loved Grandad. Brother of Don, Dave and Pat.

Funeral service and cremation will take place on Thursday 26th Oct 2017 at West Lancs Crematorium at 1pm. All enquiries to Pemberton Co-op Funeral Care 788-790 Ormskirk Road Pemberton Wigan. Tel: 01942 213374.

MURGATROYD THOMAS WILLIAM

18th October 2017

Passed away peacefully in Hospital

aged 82 years

Now reunited with his beloved Wife Margaret. Much loved Brother, Dad and Grandad. He will be sadly missed.

Service and Cremation at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday 2nd November at 10.40am. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to the British Lung Foundation c/o H. Leslie Humpreys 69 Liverpool Road, Crosby L23 5SE Tel: 0151 924 4805

ROBERTSON ANN

Passed away peacefully at Queenscourt Hospice on 21st October 2017

Aged 75 years of Rufford formerly of Leeds.

Dearly loved Wife of Gary. Much loved Mum of Stephen and Gillian. Dear Mother in law of Matthew. Loving Grandma of James and Lydia. Loved and missed by all her family and friends.

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DEATHS

THOMPSON SYLVIA MONCRIEFF

19th October 2017
Passed away peacefully at home aged 76 years of Ormskirk

Devoted Wife of Malcolm, dearly loved Mum of Jane and Barry, Peter and Sharon, and a much loved Grandma of John, Laura, Holly, Abbie, Rhys and Ella. Committal Service to be held at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 26th October at 1.45pm, followed by a Thanksgiving Service at Emmanuel Methodist United Reformed Church, Ormskirk, at 2.30pm. Family flowers only by request but donations if so desired for Queenscourt Hospice. Donations and further enquiries please to Sally Hunter MLS Independent Funeral Directors, 20 Moss Delph Lane, Aughton, Ormskirk, Tele: 01695 424888

DAWSON ENID

Peacefully at Park Grove Residential Home, Liverpool Road North, Burscough on 17/10/2017
Aged 88 years

Much loved Wife of the late Alec. Loving Sister in law of Diane. A much loved Aunt of Deborah, Peter, Barbara, Jean and Trevor. Enid will be sadly missed by all her family and friends. Funeral Service and Committal will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Pippin Street, Burscough L40 7SP on Thursday 2nd November 2017 at 4pm. Family flowers only by request. Donations if so desired are being gratefully received by the family on behalf of Dementia UK. Further enquiries please to Cookson Tyrer Funeral Directors, 2 Smithy Walk, Burscough, Lancashire L40 5UU Tel 01704 897770.

NEWCOMBE ELIZABETH (NEE AINDOW)

17th October 2017
Aged 75 years

Died suddenly but peacefully after a short illness. Loving Wife of Walter. Much loved Mum of Paul, cherished Grandma of Lee, Kelly and Laithe and Sister of Joan. Elizabeth will be greatly missed by all her family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 30th October at 1:20pm. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Alzheimer's Society. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

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CARBIN AGNES

19th October 2017
Aged 96 years

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Funeral service will take place at West Lancashire Crematorium on Friday 27th October at 2.30pm. Family flowers only but please if desired donations will be gratefully received to Alzheimers Society. Donations and enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, Tel: 01695 572997.

The family would like to thank Hillcroft Care Home for the wonderful care and support given to Agnes and her family.

SWIFT WINIFRED ROBINA (Winnie)

16th October 2017
Peacefully surrounded by her Family & Friends at The Cottage Nursing Home Mold North Wales

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the passing of our Beloved Mum. Wife of the Late Joe Swift and Mother to Janet, Paul, Philip (Deceased) and Kevin. Grandma, Mother in Law, Great-Grandma and Auntie Winnie (Ruby). Funeral Mass at St Georges Church Station Road Maghull on Friday 27th October at 11.0am. Followed by Burial at St Thomas Church Lydiate. Family Flowers only please. All enquires to Graham J Clegg Independent Funeral Service 7 Dover Road Maghull L31 5JB. Tel :0151 520 3330 or at www.cleggfunerals.co.uk

MURPHY GREG

15th October 2017
Aged 73 years
Died peacefully

Loving Husband of Irene. Much loved Dad of John, Jenny and Paul. Adored Gan-Gan of Tom and Tilly. Greg will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Thornton Crematorium on Thursday 26th October at 10:00am. Family flowers only please but if desired donations are being gratefully received for R.N.L.I. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

SEED BRIAN

16th October 2017
Aged 88 years
Died peacefully after a short illness.

Loving Husband of Rosa. Much loved Dad of Catherine and Deborah, adored "Poppy" of Sophie, Natasha and Molly. Brian will be greatly missed by all his family and friends. Service at Southport Crematorium on Monday 30th October at 10:40am. Family flowers only please, but if desired donations are being gratefully received for Lake District Search and Mountain Rescue Association. Donations and enquiries to Howard's Funeral Directors, 1-5 Roe Lane, Southport, PR9 9DR. Telephone: 01704 500086.

MALLINSON TOM

Aged 78 years
18th October 2017

Loving Husband of Viv, Dad to Tara, Danny and Dom and Grandad to Callum, Katja, Josie and Oscar. Tom will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Funeral Service at West Lancashire Crematorium on Thursday 26th October at 4:00pm Family flowers only please by request. Donations if desired for Cancer Research UK. All enquiries to Hunters of Ormskirk, 128b Burscough Street, Ormskirk, L39 2EY. Tel: 01695 572997

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8th October 2017
Suddenly aged 67 years

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Funeral Service will take place at St Cuthberts Church, Halsall on Monday 30th October 2017 at 1.15pm followed by Committal at West Lancashire Crematorium at 2:30pm Family flowers only by request please but the family are gratefully receiving donations for Cancer Research UK and The British Heart Foundation. Further enquiries to Brookfields Funeralcare, 73-75 Shakespeare Street, Southport, PR8 5AJ. Tel No: 01704 532106

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Application No: 2017/0866/FUL Single storey extensions to the side and rear at 4 The Hollies, Aughton.

Application No: 2017/1045/FUL Proposed extension to porch and canopy including oak posts and gable frame. Alterations to games room and TV room bay window roofs, new dormer to south elevation, replace hipped gables with gable roofs including boarded gables. New windows east elevation and existing joinery replaced with oak joinery. External walls boarded above existing facing brick plinth at Crimond, Croasdale Drive, Parbold.

Application No: 2017/1055/FUL Variation of Condition No's. 2 and 15 of planning permission 2012/0549/FUL to read: Condition 2 The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with details shown on the following plans: - Plan references: JB/PL1/AMB rev J received 5 October 2017. LP1/AMB; 375/01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 received 16 May 2012. House type plans: Newby, Hatfield, Rufford, Crathorne, Cherryburn, Clandon, Clevedon, Roseberry, Barrington, Runswick & Penshaw received May 2012. 15. Full details of the car park layout including the provision for 10% mobility standard/visitor spaces shall be in accordance with plan JB/PL1/AMB rev J received 5 October 2017. Thereafter the parking area shall be provided in accordance with those details and retained for the duration of the development. at Former Ainscough Mill, Mill Lane, Burscough.

The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development

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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Dated: 25th October 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration PDNOT970

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lancashire County Council have made an Order under **Section 14(1) (a) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**, as amended, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit traffic on the roads set out in this notice.

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2. The prohibition will be operative from 0930 hours until 1530 hours on Monday 30th October 2017 or until completion of the works within this period.

3. An alternative route for vehicular traffic affected by the closure is via:- Carr House Lane - B5250 Wood Lane - Withington Lane - Chisnall Lane - Carr House Lane and vice versa.

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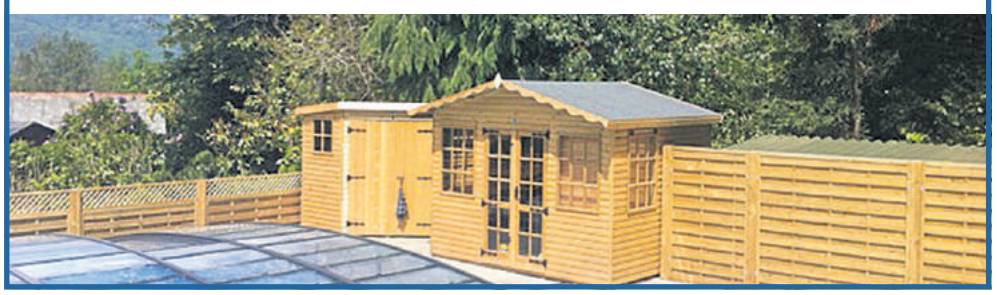

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IT SOUNDS like something that Gerry Anderson might have conjured up with a couple of string-assisted pilots in mind.

The Polestar One has a name that conjures up images of a machine powered by nuclear reactors and piloted by one of the Tracy family at four times the speed of sound, but in fact this vaguely sci-fi name's been given to a car, and one that isn't the normal motor show flight of one-off fancy. It is, according to Volvo, going to be slapped on the back of a fully-fledged production model that'll be tootling along our streets in about two years' time. But it isn't just the name that's a bit *Blade Runner*.

This two-door coupe is an electric car backed up by a tiny petrol engine, but with the equivalent of 600bhp on tap it's easily a match for BMW's similarly configured i8 supercar.

It'll also only be available to order online and you won't actually be able to buy it – you subscribe to it, like you would a magazine. The new arrival also marks the arrival of a new car brand in its own right. To most car nuts Polestar is the Swedes' answer to what BMW does with its M cars and the magic Mercedes rustles up with its AMG saloons and sports cars, but apparently Polestar is rather more than that.

Which is why the new model is going to be followed up by the imaginatively-titled Polestar Two. Which is a mistake, I reckon. I love the Polestar One's eco-friendly-yet-exciting take on driving fun and its clever double rear axle. I especially love the way it looks – which is unmistakably like a Volvo. Specifically, you can tell it borrows plenty of styling cues from the old P1800 so beloved of Simon Templar in *The Saint*, and beneath those swooping curves it's based on a Volvo platform too. Yet no matter how hard I peer at the press photos I can't see the 'V' word stamped anywhere on the new arrival, which is a shame.

Maybe if they'd launched it when all of Volvo's cars were styled by toddlers using Etch-A-Sketch toys I'd understand the Swedes being a bit hesitant about launching a Volvo sports car, but these days things are different.

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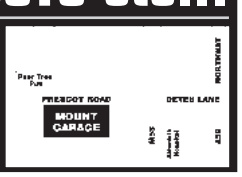

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Club chiefs grateful for Marine's stadium offer

CROSBY'S Marine FC are to play host to Skelmersdale United over the next couple of weeks by allowing them to stage their next two home league games at the Marine Travel Arena.

The first will be this Saturday when Skelmersdale are scheduled to play Radcliffe Borough.

The second will be on Saturday, November 4 when Skelmersdale are at home to Mossley in an Evo-Stik Division One North fixture. Both games kick-off at 3pm.

Skelmersdale don't have a midweek game next week so as well as allowing Skem to continue to operate after last week's eviction from Stormy Corner they will allow manager Dave Powell to continue the run of good form his side has been showing recently.

Skelmersdale have won back to back league games for the first time since early 2016, Ramsbottom United 3-2 and Tadcaster Albion 2-1 the two victims of in form Skem.

One of the lynchpins of Skelmersdale's form boost has been centre-forward Andy Owens, hitting three goals in the last two games that have been crucial to the club's improvement.

Skelmersdale will be looking for revenge on Saturday too. Radcliffe Borough beat them 4-1 at Stainton Park in what proved to be then manager Alan Rogers last game in the chair, plus they are in the lower reaches of the Division with Skelmersdale so it should be quite an interesting encounter.

Burscough will have met Skelmersdale last night at Victoria Park in the Liverpool County FA Senior Cup.

Burscough came so close pulling off a shock in the Buildbase FA Vase at Dunston last Saturday and they will be aiming to achieve a surprise this Saturday too, when the strongly supported City of Liverpool visit Victoria Park for a North-West Counties Premier Division game. That is a 3pm kick off.

Skem clinch first away win

Tadcaster Albion 1
Skelmersdale United 2

SKELMERSDALE continued their recently improved run of form by registering their first away league win of the season.

Skelmersdale started at a high tempo and in the opening moments almost scored, Alaster Redmayne having a shot saved by goalkeeper Greg Hartley before Andy Owens put a shot over the crossbar.

The first Skem goal in the fifth minute came after a patient piece of build-up play and at the end of it Callum Mahoney held onto the ball and attracted two defenders onto to him.

He then played a short ball to Redmayne, the former

Andy Owens scores the Skem winner. Picture by John Driscoll

Rotherham player created an angle on the edge of the 18 yard box and shot low into the bottom corner past the outstretched left hand of Hartley.

Soon after the break Callum Jones put a shot over the home crossbar but Tadcaster were expected to produce on onslaught.

In the 67th minute Tadcaster might have scored but Savoury couldn't reach a knock on at the far post.

A minute later Tadcaster did score. Keeper Roberts left his area to clear but the ball was charged down and Josh Greening lobbed Roberts who was off his line from 20 yards.

That though was to be the last real scare of the game for Skem and on 76 minutes they restored their lead.

Bourne exchanged passes with Redmayne then played through to Owens, whose poked attempt hit the post and rolled tantalisingly along the goal-line. Owens followed up and managed to steer the ball home despite close attention by a posse of defenders.

From there onwards it was Skem's game, Tadcaster arguably did not even have most of the possession any more.

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Linnets out of cup after last gasp goal

Dunston UTS 2
Burscough 1

NOBODY gave Burscough a chance in this tough FA Vase First Round draw, but they only lost after a conceding a last minute goal.

The Linnets had actually taken a first-half lead and frightened the life out of the highly rated Northern League outfit.

The first-half was entertaining, both teams almost taking turns to have a go at each other for much of the time.

Dunston put in a series of crosses that came to nothing while any Burscough raids were dealt with well by Dunston.

On 16 minutes Burscough took the lead thanks to an inspirational bit of football from Terry Cummings. He cut in from the wing, evaded two challenges as he went across the edge of the 18 yard line, and then unleashed a shot across home goalkeeper Niall Harrison and into the far corner.

Four minutes later it was almost 2-0 to Burscough, Prince Ekpolo was put through but keeper Harrison left his line to save Dunston.

The hosts were starting to threaten more and number nine Mark Fitzpatrick was first thwarted by Samberg then he hit the bar with a header.

However, Diggle was still causing Dunston problems and just before the break he put a shot marginally wide. It had been an exciting forty five minutes.

Straight after the restart Dunston piled forward. Samberg made two superb saves from Fitzpatrick and an even better one from Ben Pollock's header. On 50 minutes Burscough conceded. A corner fell to Michael Hall and his thunderous shot from the edge of the six yard box went in via a deflection.

In the 74th minute Diggle got the ball in the net at the other end, but was given offside. The pressure was still being put on Burscough though, but they stubbornly held on.

Two minutes into added time Burscough cruelly conceded. Liam Thear managed to turn around the penalty spot, his shot though hit the crossbar and went in.

Even then Burscough almost saved the game; Peter Henerty was only denied a great chance by a top class interception by Halliday. When the whistle went to signify a Dunston victory you were left to think what would have happened if Burscough had taken another of those first-half opportunities?

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